



# House Buyers' Bill would stimulate competition and 'blow away cobwebs'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The reason for the House Buyers' Bill, which would end the solicitors' monopoly in the conveyancing of registered property, was described graphically yesterday by Mr David Trench, the Consumers' Association legal officer, who has been closely involved in its drafting.

"A blast or, failing that, a whirl of competition from outside the legal profession is needed to blow away the cobwebs that bedevil the business of buying houses," he said. The number of people owning their own houses has increased from 10 per cent in 1920 to about 60 per cent now, but the Consumers' Association says the present system is designed for a time when only a small percentage of the population owned houses.

The Bill would also allow conveyancers wishing to handle clients' money. The Bill would also allow solicitors to advertise their conveyancing services. Mr Austin Mitchell, the Labour MP who is introducing the Bill, said it was common sense and straightforward measure designed to serve the consumer by making property sales more efficient, quicker and cheaper.

Mr Bowen Wells, Conservative MP for Hertford and Stortford, one of the Bill's main sponsors, said: "At the moment we are faced with gazumping and house-buying daisy chains which, if you break any one link a whole set of operations falls through. It has become an unethical mess."

Building societies could be required to consider a vendor's survey as a valuation report for a mortgage, so that the number of surveys on a property could be reduced. The Law Society replies that the main criticisms of the present system are delays and expense.

The Law Society believes delay is caused by many factors, including the buyer's needs and the time taken for searches, but rarely by a dilatory solicitor "because of the pressures brought to bear on him not only by his own client but by the other parties' solicitors".



Police removing Greenham Common protesters who occupied the reception area of the Ministry of Defence in London yesterday. Twenty women had sought a meeting with Mr Heseltine after invading the building.

## TV ban on CND advertising

By David Hewson

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has been banned from advertising its magazine on television to coincide with Saturday's showing of the nuclear war film, *The Day After*.

Mr Will Howard, CND's advertising coordinator, said yesterday that the organization had submitted scripts for two television advertisements, one promoting its magazine, *Sanity*, and the other saying that more facts and information about nuclear weapons could be obtained from CND.

members on television, but he could not understand why their scripts were banned when ones for magazines about war were allowed. The advertisement was blocked by the Independent Television Contractors Association, which vets advertising before it is scrutinized by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

## Newspapers in anarchy, publishers' chief says

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Fleet Street industrial relations are in a state of anarchy and unions and employers must sit down to sort out their problems if the industry is to avoid "being bled to death", Mr John Le Page, director-general of the Newspaper Publishers Association said yesterday.

Agreements had to be adhered to otherwise you get anarchy - and we have anarchy in Fleet street," he told a briefing for industrial journalists. Twelve newspaper companies are suing the NGA for maximum damages permitted under the Employment Act, 1982, for the union members' unlawful industrial action in halting production of national newspapers on November 25 and 26.

## IRA rifle used in 22 attacks

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Royal Ulster Constabulary disclosed yesterday that an Armalite rifle found at the scene of an SAS ambush on Sunday had been used in 22 IRA shootings.

A third man, known to the police, fled along the maze of winding country lanes that criss-cross this republican area of east Tyrone. He abandoned the car three miles away from the side of the narrow lane after failing to respond to a challenge shouted by the soldiers. The Armalite rifle had been used in 22 shooting incidents since 1977, according to the police. Ballistic tests showed that in June, 1979, it was used to kill John Scott, a reserve Constable at Arboe and four months later, was used to murder Frederick Irwin, a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, at Dungannon.

## Security advisory council urged

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Government is urged today by the Adam Smith Institute to set up a national security council to advise the Prime Minister and her Cabinet on foreign affairs and to break the monopoly enjoyed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

As a number of these are career diplomats anyway, a security council, which would differ from its namesake in Washington, would allow the Government for the first time to hear an alternative view to that of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

## Cash gifts to Tory funds compared with awards

Honours selection questioned

By Peter Hennessy

Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby, will display in the Commons today under the 10 minute rule, data unearthed by the Labour Research Department (LRD) which points to what it calls "a remarkable correlation between firm's donations to Tory funds and the award of honours to company directors".

Table with columns: Name, Company, Date of Enlightenment, Donations in 1979/82 (£), Total Donations 1979/82 (£). Includes Sir William Ceyzer, Sir Robert McAlpine, Sir Charles Parsons, etc.

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## Detective for trial

From Our Correspondent, Sheffield

A Sheffield detective sergeant was yesterday committed for trial on 33 charges, some of which alleged conspiracy and corruption. The case concerns in part the disappearance of steel valued at £2m.

## Sale room

Big prices for French furnishings

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Prices soared beyond expectations when Sotheby's offered French eighteenth century furnishings for sale in Monte Carlo on Sunday. It was the kind of furniture one lives with rather than puts in museums.

HEAL'S advertisement for Christmas furniture. Includes text: 'FREE DELIVERY FOR CHRISTMAS', 'ARMCHAIRS · SOFAS · SOFABEDS · BEDS · CHILDREN'S FURNITURE', 'LAST ORDERS 10TH DECEMBER', and address: 'HEAL'S 196 TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD, LONDON W1'.

Mr Walker compiled his data by monitoring the eight News or Birthday honours lists published since Mrs Thatcher took office. Information on the political contributions of companies was available under section 19 of the Companies Act, 1967.

It was disclosed in *The Times* on Saturday that the Political Honours Scrutiny Committee, founded in the 1920s to prevent a repeat of the sale of titles associated with Lloyd George, had asked Mrs Thatcher to tighten up their vetting procedures and that she had agreed.

## Kasparov moves into winning position

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

The sixth game in the Korchnoi-Kasparov match of the Acorn Computers World Championship semi-finals in London on Sunday was adjourned on the 41st move, with Kasparov seemingly in a winning position.

## Canadians will welcome bishop after all

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A new invitation has been issued to the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, to visit Canada, thereby ending an embarrassing episode. The invitation was given in person yesterday by the Primate of Canada, the Most Rev. Edward Scott, who is in London on church business.

## A little Christmas decoration from Van Cleef & Arpels

Advertisement for Van Cleef & Arpels Christmas decorations. Includes text: 'This Christmas, the most brilliant gifts are from Van Cleef & Arpels.', 'The fabulous "La Boutique" range. Beautiful watches for men and women.', 'Plus a new exhibition of sumptuous jewellery never seen before in this country.', 'VAN CLEEF & ARPELS', '153 New Bond Street, London W1. Tel: 01-491 1405. Telex: 266265. PARIS'.

Handwritten Arabic text: 'مكذبا من الأصل'

# Drivers told to avoid all alcohol in tough Christmas campaign

By Staff Reporters

Drivers are to be advised not to drink any alcohol this Christmas and New Year as part of a tough campaign launched by the Department of Transport yesterday.

Under the theme "Never drive and drink. You are asking to get caught," the department aired for the first time last night two 10-second television commercials highlighting the sufferings of victims of drinking and driving accidents - as well as the stiff penalties imposed on the drivers.

Their driving is found to be impaired by drink. Mr Lynda Chalker, Minister for Transport, said in a statement launching the campaign: "Just one drink affects your driving ability."

The Department of Transport says that about 30,000 people are killed or injured each year in accidents in which one person involved is above the legal alcohol limit. Last year, in England and Wales nearly 75,000 people were convicted of drink-driving offences.

Other figures showed that 36 per cent of drivers of cars and motor cycles killed in crashes were above the legal limit. That rose to 65 per cent for accidents between 10 pm and 4 am.

Accidents attributed to drinking and driving are estimated to cost more than £100m a year. Mrs Chalker said that the likelihood of being caught drinking and driving will be much greater this Christmas because it will be the first time that the police had new electronic breath-testing devices, Alcolmeter and Intoximeter.

## Police strategies

The following police forces have announced their Christmas plans: **Cambridgeshire:** A play dramatizing the dangers of drinking and driving with tours colleges, clubs, factories and offices.

**Northumbria:** No special plans. **South Yorkshire:** Monitoring accident figures as Christmas approaches, but no special action is planned.



Concert party: Two of the children taking part in the first performance of the Inner London Education Authority's annual Christmas music festival at the Festival Hall, London, yesterday. This year's theme is "It's a Gift" and 12,000 children are expected to attend the performances which continue daily until Thursday. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

## More cuts as holiday price war hots up

By John Withrow  
Most Mediterranean package tours will be about 10 per cent cheaper next summer because of the price war being waged by big foreign tour operators.

Intasun, Britain's second-biggest tour operator, yesterday announced it was reducing prices by an average of 9 per cent and supplying 230,000 more places in expectation of a rush by cost-conscious holiday-makers.

## Broader education urged by report

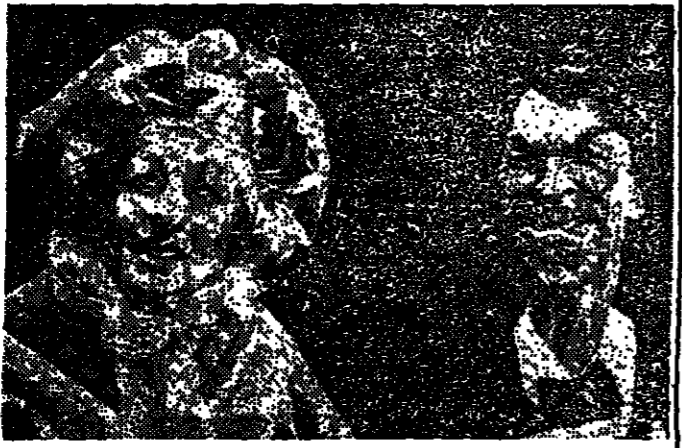
By Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent  
Children between the ages of 11 and 16 should receive a broad education balanced between vocational, technical and academic aspects, according to a report published yesterday by the Department of Education and Science.

## Dartmoor pledge by the Prince

By Craig Seton  
The Prince of Wales, who controls 70,000 acres on Dartmoor, says in a report published today that it should not be preserved "in aspic" merely as a curiosity for future generations.

## South-east cable bias criticized

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent  
The geographical bias of the choice of cable television franchises, which appears to be weighed in favour of the Southeast, has been criticized by the consultants CIT Research, advisers to the Government on telecommunications.



Puppet politicians: Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan as they will appear in the series Spitting Image.

## Puppet satire for ITV

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent  
A puppet satire show is to be launched this winter on Independent Television, according to programme schedules announced yesterday.

## £35m for new trains approved

By a Staff Reporter  
The Government has approved a British Rail plan to spend £35m on new passenger trains for Southern and Eastern region commuter services.

## Grocery group launches own cigarette

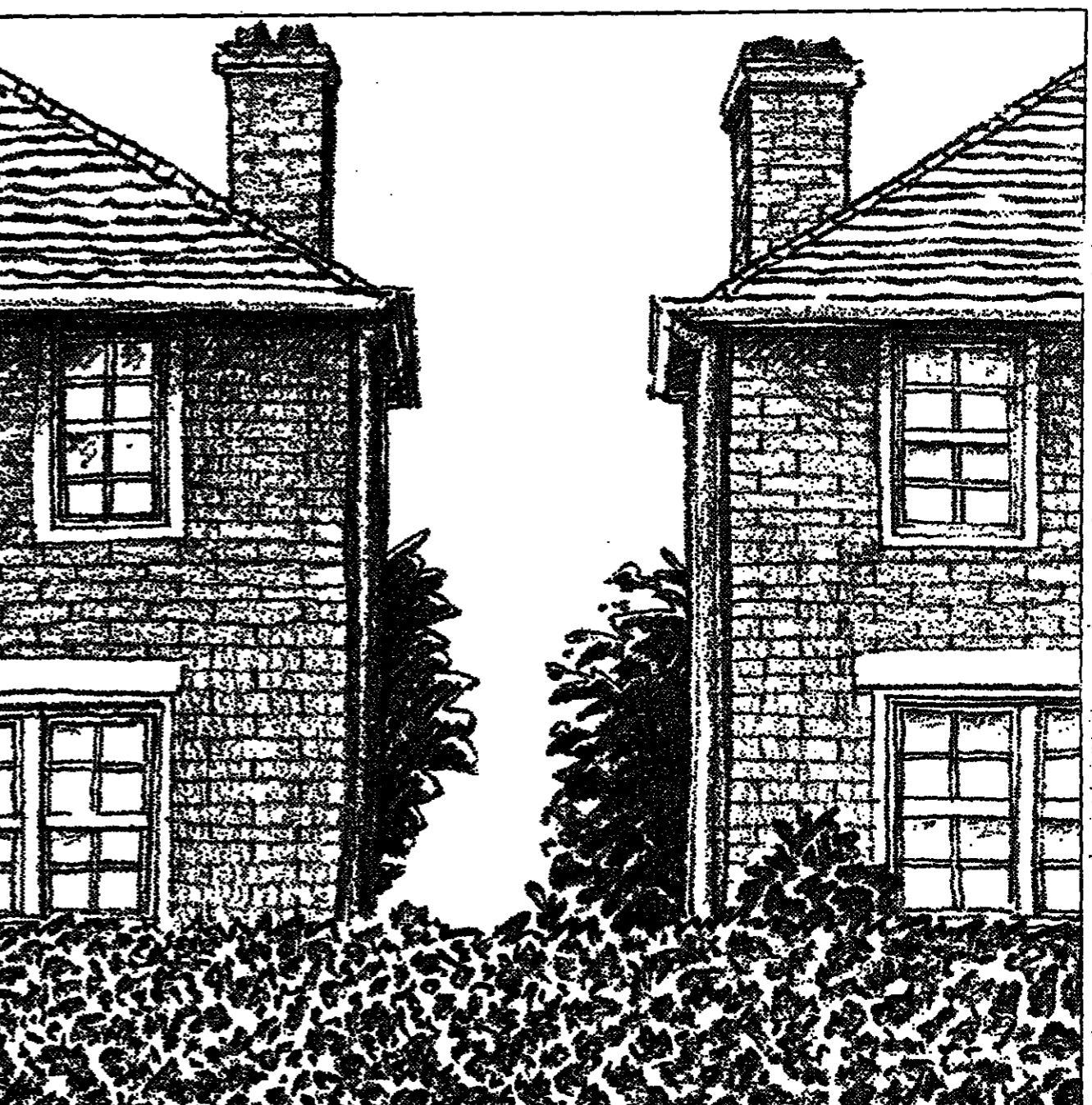
By Kenneth Gosling  
A cigarette price war will begin this week with the introduction of a king-size brand by Spar, the independent grocery group. It will cost 89p for a packet of 20.

## Damages for breast surgery

Mrs Beverley Rees, aged 32, accepted £3,000 agreed damages yesterday in the High Court after she sued the surgeon who carried out an operation to enlarge her breasts.

## Rare visitor

A rare pied wheat was seen in Paignton, Devon yesterday 12,000 miles from its winter home in East Africa. Fewer than twenty have been seen in Britain since records began.



### Which house with central heating is saving £100 a year?

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## Salesmen lose company cars after tax change

By Jonathan Davies, Financial Correspondent  
More than one in ten of Britain's salesmen have had to give up their company cars in the past year, according to a survey of pay and perks sponsored by the Institute of Marketing.

PARLIAMENT December 5 1983

MPs urge minister to recall British troops

MIDDLE EAST

MPs on both sides criticized American action in the Lebanon over the weekend and called for the withdrawal of the British contingent in the peace-keeping force.

The Lebanon welcome the continuing presence of British forces but also do all governments in the region.

will be an opportunity then to have a discussion on a slightly wider front.

Rifkind: Self-defence

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP) is there any point in keeping the British force there as a cosmetic cover for an alleged peace-keeping force?

Dalyell: Were we told?

of their own men. It is for them to explain and justify to the world if that is a proper course of action.

Some tasks of Crown Agents may be hived off

OVERSEAS AID

Hiving off some of the activities of the Crown Agents to private sector was one of the options being considered by the Government in its current review of the Agents' affairs.

Crown Agents play in our export business, handling 70,000 orders worth £300m last year? That is our best to protect.

British taxpayer to bail them out? Will he make sure they do the job they are supposed to do?

Powers to control local authorities' spending

SCOTLAND

The Rating Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill has one simple purpose, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, said in the Commons as he moved the Bill's second reading.

and to provide the means whereby several valuation anomalies could be removed from the Scottish system.

Courts 'too lenient with rapists'

CRIME

When Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C) said in the Commons that average sentences for rape were of less than three years which showed that the judiciary was unduly lenient with that crime.

Seat belts bring drop in deaths

TRANSPORT

In the first five months of the compulsory wearing of seat belts, deaths and serious injuries to front seat occupants of cars and light vans were down 20 per cent on the same period last year.

Mrs Chalker said she had seen some 100 drivers and even some coach drivers and front seat passengers wearing seat belts.

Clash over figure in LT Bill

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, was urged to get into his wet suit and flippers and swim across the Thames to tell the GLC he had misinformed them over figures in the London Transport Bill.

Concern over equal pay regulations

HOUSE OF LORDS

Despite believing that existing legislation on equal pay complies with the EEC's directive, the Government has drafted amending regulations to make Britain fully in accord with the European regulations, the Earl of Gowrie, Minister of State, Privy Council Office, said in the House of Lords in moving approval of the amending regulations.

equal pay for men and women and was firmly against sex discrimination, including that which affected jobs and pay.

stating that the House believed the regulations did not adequately reflect the European Court's decision and the EEC equal pay directive.

£19 to handle blood

There was growing public concern about the proposed handling charge for blood supplied by the NHS to private hospitals, Lord De Freya (C) said at question time in the House of Lords.

sufficient in whole blood but needed to import blood products.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, remaining stages.

Cant-hunters in spending study

Whitehall brief

Whenever a British government calls for a great light, the nation yawns. It happens when Lord Wilson of Rievaulx in the late 1960s wanted the pubs and clubs to echo with the pros and cons of belonging to the EEC.

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Ballet group 'disdained' jobs law

The London Festival Ballet company "drove a coach and four horses" through the law when it disdained a ballet dancer's industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Mr Geoffrey Wyan was promoted by the former artistic director, Miss Beryl Grey, to reward his professionalism, his counsel, Mr Nicholas Elliott, told the tribunal in London.

Mr Elliott said: "He was promoted by the company to junior soloist, although on their own evidence he was not considered capable of performing that role, never had been capable of performing it and they knew that. What they then did was dismiss him."

Advertisement for Johnnie Walker Red Label Scotch Whisky. Includes the iconic logo of a man in a top hat and the text: 'It's always nice to welcome back an old friend. And Johnnie Walker Red Label, recognised as the world's most distinctive Scotch Whisky, is back at home in Britain. Obviously, there's only one way to celebrate. Cheers! Johnnie Walker Red Label. Recognised everywhere.'

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, partially cut off, including 'Support to farm' and 'Support to'.

Handwritten Arabic text at the bottom of the page: 'هكذا من الأصل'.

# Support for EEC levy as farm spending soars to £5m an hour

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

If all the increased milk production in the EEC since 1981 were to be put in bulk tankers, they would stretch in an unbroken line all the way from London to Athens and back again, and there would still be some left over.

That graphic illustration of the scale of the Community's surpluses was given yesterday by Mr Alan Wilkinson, deputy to Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the Community's Budget Commissioner, at a seminar at the Royal Smithfield Show.

Present spending on the common agricultural policy was running at £5m an hour, he said.

Mr Wilkinson made clear that there could be no question of a supplementary budget next year, as happened this year. Farmers had to recognize that if no agreement was reached on placing a ceiling on expenditure, the CAP would run out of funds and they would not be paid.

Mr Michael Jopling, British Minister of Agriculture, delivered a similar message at a press conference. In the past there have been only two countries, by which he clearly meant Britain and West Germany, which had resisted before agreeing to more expensive new schemes.

"But now I find a growing consciousness that we cannot go on this way," he said. "There is

I think, agreement that something has to be done and that we face difficult times in the future.

"Farmers understand that they do not have a God-given right to produce more and more food which we can neither eat at home nor sell abroad and that the time has come to return the CAP to rationality and reality."

There were about 900,000 tonnes of butter and more than 1,000,000 tonnes of skimmed milk powder in intervention storage. The British Government had long favoured price reductions as the best way of increasing consumer demands, but given that the best it could hope for was a price freeze, it had to start thinking in terms of a super levy on excess production.

It was important that there should be none of the exemptions which had made the co-responsibility levy so unsatisfactory. The Irish Republic was almost certain to try to veto the super levy proposal, but "I am anxious that the agonies should be felt equally by all members of the Community", Mr Jopling said.

Mrs Marion Cooper, of the Consumers Association, told the seminar that the way EEC handled its finances was not only complicated but also unfair, illogical and almost impossible to control. The money spent would keep open

many hospital beds and would pay the salaries of many doctors.

Mr Simon Gourlay, vice-president of the National Farmers' Union, said that although the budgetary cost of the CAP was substantial, it was equivalent to only about one half per cent of the Community's gross domestic product.

British farmers and growers have made a significant but sadly undervalued contribution to the British economy and must be more forceful in publicizing their achievements, Sir Richard Butler, president of the farmers' union, told the conference (The Press Association reports).

"Farmers, by their increased efficiency, have played an important part in the battle against inflation, and consumers can purchase a greater variety of high quality food than ever before at prices that are falling in real terms", he said.

In the five years up to 1982, food prices rose at an average rate of 3.2 per cent a year less than the retail price index.

"Agriculture is a major employer. On its continued success hinges the jobs of the 9 per cent of the employed labour force which depend directly or indirectly on British agriculture, for their employment", he said.



## £100,000 damages for gas victim's family

The family of a senior army officer who was killed by carbon monoxide gas from a damaged gas central heating system were awarded £100,000 agreed damages at the High Court in London yesterday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Basil Beattie, aged 48, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, died in December, 1976, while staying at a fellow officer's flat in Highgate, north London. Mr Justice Stuart-Smith was told the judge that the British Gas Corporation, which had

covered the central heating system with its "two star" maintenance plan, had agreed to pay the damages.

Mr Cole said that Colonel Beattie went to the flat suffering from influenza. He closed the windows, turned the heating to constant setting and went to bed. What he did not know was that a leak in the flue from the gas boiler was causing the hot-air system's fan to blow a mixture of warm air and boiler exhaust into the rooms.

Coals to Newcastle: Three camels being sent from Britain to a new home... in the desert.

The camels - Millie, Molly and Andy - were in a consignment of 274 animals and birds flown from Heathrow yesterday to a new zoo in Doha in the Persian Gulf.

They had been supplied by Whippsnade, London, Bristol and Marwell zoos.

Why send camels to Doha? A spokesman at Whippsnade explained: "The camels are young and were bred in captivity, so they will be used to life in a zoo". (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

# MI5 officer sent for trial on spy charges

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Michael Bettaney, a middle-ranking officer in MI5, was committed for trial yesterday on espionage charges including passing on assessments of Soviet intelligence networks in Britain and details of the expulsion of three Russians.

Mr Bettaney, aged 33, of Victoria Road, Coulsdon, Surrey, was sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court after a brief hearing at Horseferry Road Magistrate's Court, London. He faces six charges under the Official Secrets Acts of 1911 and 1920.

He is charged with passing on information about the expulsion of three Russians on April 3 this year. On the same day he is also accused of acting preparatory to passing on "precise arrangements" about the communication of classified matter.

On June 12 Mr Bettaney is accused of passing on an official assessment of Soviet intelligence services operating in the United Kingdom and a second count of acting preparatory to passing on arrangements for communicating classified information.

On July 10 he is accused of acting preparatory to passing on information by pressing for a response to his proposals of April 3 and June 12. Under the sixth charge he is alleged between December 31 and September 17 to have collected information calculated to be useful to an enemy.

Mr Lawrence Grant, for Mr Bettaney, was granted an extension of legal aid for the trial which is expected next year.

Before the court rose the magistrate, Mr Kenneth Harrington, told the press: "Please be careful about publishing anything which might prejudice the conduct of the trial."

## Queen's cousin burgled

The Queen's first cousin, Mr Gerald Lascelles, was counting the cost yesterday of a break-in at his Cotswolds home in which antiques, bedrooms and family silver, thought to be worth at least £25,000 were stolen.

Mr Lascelles, aged 59, the son of the Earl of Harewood, had been away from his home, Clifden House, Rendcombe, near Cheltenham, with his wife, Elizabeth, spending the weekend with relatives in Yorkshire.

"The thieves seemed to know exactly what was what and where it was", Mr Lascelles said. "They took only the better pieces and they knew where the strongroom was located, and burrowed through a floor to get into it".

Police think a well organized gang using a large vehicle to remove tables, chairs and more than fifty other items must have been responsible.

# SBS expert given marines command

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

New promotions will affect the Royal Marines' highest echelons during the next few months.

Lieutenant General Sir Stuart Pringle, the victim of an IRA bomb in October, 1981, retires in April as Commandant General, to be succeeded by the present Major General Royal Marines Commando Forces, Michael Wilkins, who will be promoted to Lieutenant-General.

He will be succeeded next February by Colonel John St John Grey, aged 49, the Royal Marines' colonel who is now responsible for operations and plans in the Ministry of Defence.

Colonel Grey will take the rank of Major-General, but that does not mean he skips the rank of Brigadier. Unlike the army, in the Royal Marines brigadier is not a formal rank, but is more a courtesy title attached to certain appointments.

General Wilkins, a tall, lean man spent several years in the late 1950s in the Special Boat Section, which is a Royal Marine equivalent of the Army's Special Air Service Regiment. He is thought to be the first SBS man to achieve the marine's top appointment.

Much of his early experience was in the Far East. It was not until his middle forties that he became directly involved in what has become the Marines' main speciality, arctic warfare.

At the time of the attack on Sir Stuart all three held appointments in the Ministry of Defence: Sir Stuart as Commandant General, General Wilkins as Chief of Staff, and Colonel Grey as Military Secretary, in which role he had

special responsibility for promotions and appointments.

While Sir Stuart was in hospital the three used to meet occasionally by his bedside to discuss appointments and propositions.

One of their main preoccupations during the next few months is likely to be attempts to remedy deficiencies in 3 Commando Brigade's supporting arms, revealed during the Falklands conflict.

Although their "yomp" across east Falkland enormously enhanced the marines' reputation, it also showed that they did not possess enough air-defence systems, adequate artillery, engineering and reconnaissance support. Those had to be supplied from outside 3 Commando Brigade.

The Ministry of Defence is believed to be considering providing or improving those supporting arms as an integral part of the brigade.

If a major war in Europe seemed in prospect 3 Commando Brigade would be one of the first British units to respond, with the bulk being shipped to Norway.

In those circumstances there would probably not be time to augment it and achieve a full integration with either territorial or regular army units.

It can, therefore, be argued that the brigade should be enhanced so that it incorporates all the support needed to function autonomously.

That would imply the provision of a battery of Rapier ground-to-air missiles, light armoured reconnaissance vehicles and heavier artillery to augment the existing light field guns, and perhaps a second regular squadron of engineers.



Major-General Michael Wilkins (left); Colonel John St John Grey and Commandant General Sir Stewart Pringle.

## Picking up a penguin costs £700

David Worsley had to pay £700 yesterday for picking up a penguin after a night's drinking.

Worsley, aged 20, a butcher, went for an early morning stroll to sober up, magistrates at Southport, Lancashire, were told.

Mr Michael Wilding, for the prosecution, said that Worsley climbed the Southport fairground big dipper, but fell and landed in the zoo alongside the penguin compound.

Worsley said in a statement that he scooped up Percy the Penguin and put him in a wiremesh litter bin.

He said: "I went back to the car with the penguin in the bin and put him in my mate's boot."

Worsley said they drove home but the next day he and his father went to Southport sea front and left the penguin in a plastic bucket tipped on its side. However, the penguin, a rare Humboldt, disappeared.

Worsley, of Meadowcroft Farm, Walshaw, Bury, was fined £100 and ordered to pay £600 for Percy's replacement.

## Warning on 'house for sale' attacks

A judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday gave a warning to women with houses for sale never to allow unknown men into their homes.

Judge Peire jailed Richard Blake, aged 30, a soldier, for a total of eight years for indecent assault and other offences committed after he was allowed into houses as a prospective buyer.

The judge said: "I hope no married couple, where the lady is alone seeking to sell a house will ever invite a lone man in to look around. The dangers are apparent."

Blake, a REME corporal, of Lucia Park, Bordon, Hampshire, had admitted indecent assault, robbery, burglary and assault with intent to rob.

The court was told that Blake was allowed into homes at Shepperton, London, and Ash Vale, Surrey, as a prospective buyer. He broke into a third house in Grayswood, Surrey. In each case he assaulted the woman of the house, having made sure her husband would be out.

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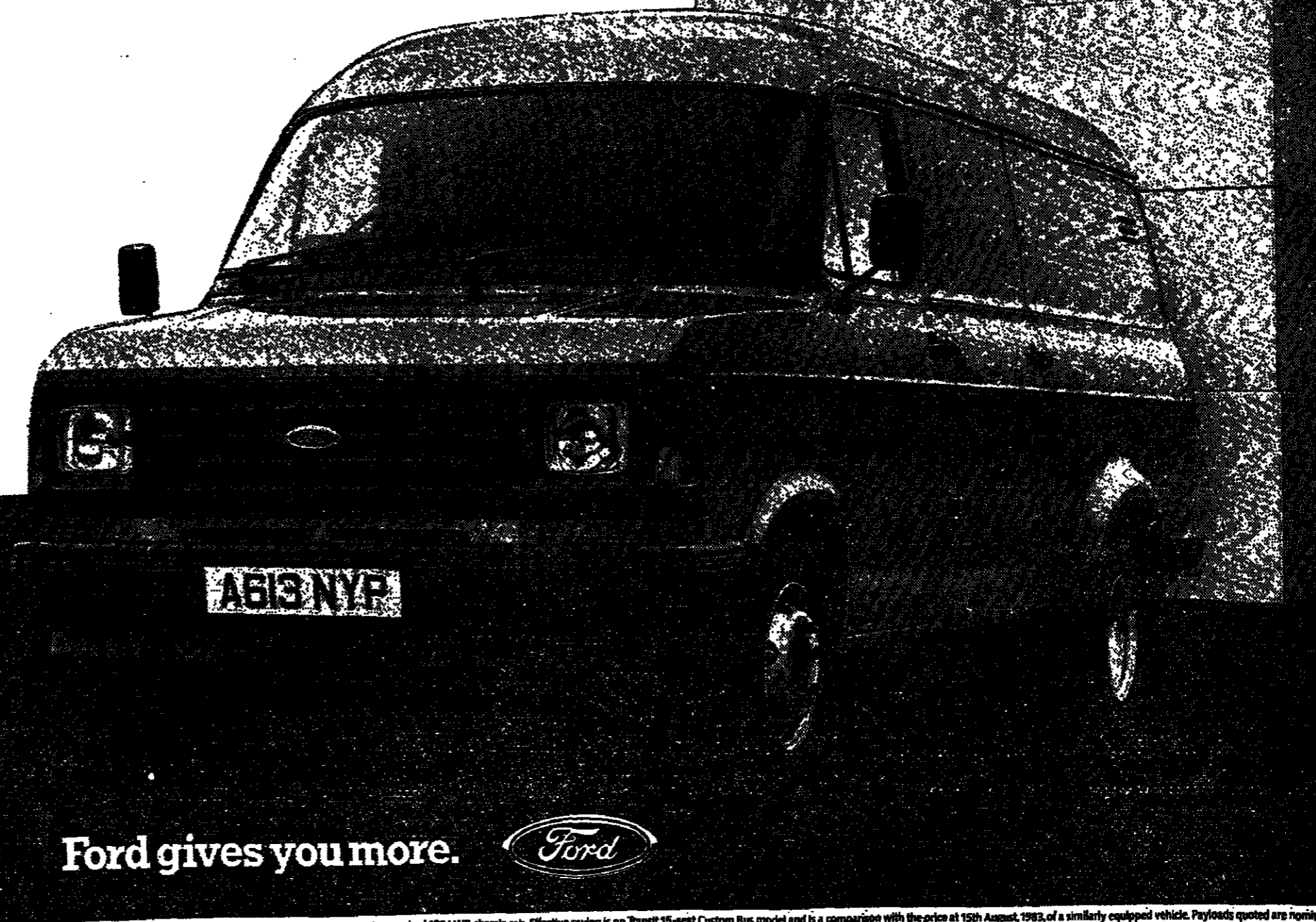
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# Andropov back in business after illness, Kremlin says

From Richard Owen, Moscow

President Andropov is "recovering from an illness" but carrying out a full range of party and state functions, according to a senior Soviet official.

Mr Leonid Zamyatin did not say when Mr Andropov would return to public view. He has not been seen since the middle of August and did not appear on Red Square for the annual November 7 parade.

Mr Zamyatin, the head of the Central Committee international information department, yesterday referred to a Kremlin statement in October which said Mr Andropov was suffering from a cold.

Asked if he was suggesting that the Soviet leader had been absent for 110 days because of a cold, Mr Zamyatin became angry and said reports of a serious operation were "in-situations which do not correspond to reality".

He added enigmatically: "I have already said all that it is possible to state officially" - taken by some observers to mean that Mr Andropov's illness had been more serious than admitted.

Mr Zamyatin did not say whether Mr Andropov would take the chair at forthcoming sessions of the Central Committee and Supreme Soviet, Russia's "parliament". Reports from Bonn over the weekend said West German government officials had been told that Mr Andropov would re-emerge next Saturday.

Asked who had been in charge of defence matters, including nuclear decisions while Mr Andropov was incapacitated, Mr Zamyatin said the President continued to act as chairman of the Supreme Defence Council as well as party leader and head of state.

There are reports that Mr Andropov returned to work recently on a part-time basis. The word "recovering" also means convalescing in Russian and suggests that the President has not resumed full command.

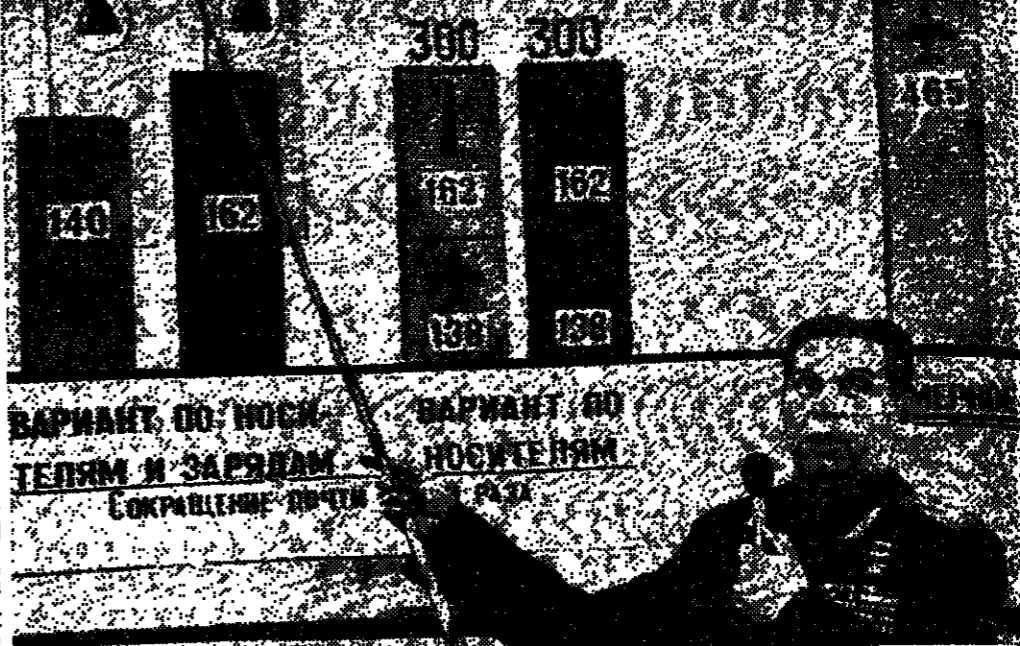
Mr Zamyatin was speaking at a press conference on the future of the Soviet-American arms talks. Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, the Chief of Staff, and Mr Georgy Kornienko, the Deputy Foreign Minister, described the abandoned talks on medium-range missiles as a dead letter and dismissed suggestions that medium-range missiles might be included in the parallel talks on strategic arms reduction (Start), which are continuing. Marshal Ogarkov hinted that the Start talks may also collapse.

Official comments on Kremlin leaders' health are rare, although the authorities are aware of Western concern at a time of East-West tensions.

Unusually, Tass included Mr Zamyatin's remarks about Mr Andropov's health in its English-language report - but the passage is thought unlikely to appear in today's Moscow papers.



Top brass: General Bernard Rogers, Nato's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (left) and Sir William Staveley, Commander-in-Chief Channel and Eastern Atlantic, for a meeting of the Soviet General Staff, comparing Soviet and United States arms reduction proposals at a press conference in Moscow.



Joining Admiral Wesley McDonald, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, and Admiral Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, Chief of the Soviet General Staff, comparing Soviet and United States arms reduction proposals at a press conference in Moscow.

## East-West talks high on Shultz agenda

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, will discuss with Nato foreign ministers in Brussels this week whether an East-West conference on European disarmament in Stockholm on January 17 should begin at Foreign Minister level.

Such an opening could provide Mr Shultz with an opportunity to renew his bilateral dialogue with Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister. Mr Shultz, however, not said whether he will hold such talks nor whether he will attend.

He leaves here today on a week-long tour of West Germany, Belgium, Tunisia, Morocco and Portugal for talks with their leaders on East-West relations, arms control issues and Lebanon and North Africa.

Any meeting between Mr Shultz and Mr Gromyko would be the first since last month's Soviet walkout at the Geneva intermediate range nuclear forces (INF) negotiations.

The two had a frosty exchange at their last meeting in Madrid during the European security conference in September after the Soviet shooting down of the South Korean airliner.

## Warsaw Pact meets in Sofia

Belgrade (Reuter) - Warsaw Pact defence ministers gathered in Sofia yesterday for their first joint assessment of the deployment of new US nuclear missiles in West Europe and last month's suspension of the Geneva medium-range missile talks.

The meeting was called amid growing East-West tension caused by the arms build-up in Europe and escalation of the fighting in Lebanon, where US aircraft have attacked positions held by Soviet-backed Syrian troops.

The official Bulgarian news agency, BTA, reported the arrival of ministers from Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania, to join the Soviet Defence Minister, Marshal Dmitry Ustinov who flew in on Sunday.

All were met by the Bulgarian Defence Minister, General Dobri Dzhurov. The Commander-in-Chief of Warsaw Pact forces, Marshal Viktor Kulikov, is also attending.

Brussels (Reuter) - Defence ministers of 11 West European countries yesterday opened the first round of Nato ministerial meetings since the new American medium range nuclear missiles arrived in West Europe.

Prospects for improving East-West relations in spite of the Soviet walkout from the medium range superpower missile talks in Geneva were expected to top the agenda.

BTA gave no further details of the meeting but Western diplomats in Sofia believed it would continue today after starting yesterday.

The Eastern block has condemned the siting of US cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in Western Europe, which began in Britain and West Germany last month, and President Andropov has announced countermeasures.

These include speeding up the deployment of new-generation Soviet medium-range missiles in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, abandoning a self-imposed freeze on SS20 missiles targeted on Western Europe, and deploying sea-launched missiles close to US territory.

Western diplomats said the Sofia meeting could bring a rethink of tactics at two East-West arms forums still in process - the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (Start) in Geneva between the US and

## West sends arms dialogue signal

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## Bokassa asks France for residence permit

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Jean-Bedel Bokassa, the former President of the Central African Republic, who arrived unexpectedly in Paris on Sunday night with 15 of his 54 children, his wife, and 20 other women, has asked the French Government for permission to live permanently in France. He already owns substantial property here, including several Chateaux.

However, France is not at all keen to harbour such an unpredictable and troublesome guest who only a week ago was plotting to return to power in his native country, where he was deposed as Emperor four years ago with French help in the famous "Barracuda Operation", after a series of increasingly appalling atrocities.

M Claude Cheysson, the Foreign Minister, said in a radio interview yesterday morning that it was not desirable that M Bokassa should remain in France, and that the Government was therefore looking for other countries which would be willing to receive him.

M Bokassa, who has served in the French Army, has always claimed to have French citizenship. However, M Cheysson insisted yesterday that the French courts did not accept that claim. "He is a foreigner who can therefore be asked to leave France," he said.

Immediately after his overthrow in 1979, M Bokassa sought refuge in France, but was refused permission to stay on account of his "serious repeated violations of human rights". He went instead to the Ivory Coast, where President Houphouët-Boigny agreed to receive him after a personal request from President Giscard d'Estaing.

The final straw was the revelation last week of plans for a coup d'etat. A Caravelle aircraft actually took off from Paris on November 26 with the organizer of the coup, M Roger Delpey, a French writer and long-time friend and confidant of M Bokassa, a dozen mercenaries, and several journalists. It was due to pick up M Bokassa in Abidjan before flying on to the Central African Republic, where M Bokassa was due to be reinstated as Emperor. However, the French intelligence services warned President Houphouët-Boigny of the aircraft's imminent arrival, and it was intercepted.

M Bokassa, who is at present staying at his chateau on the south-west outskirts of Paris, said in a statement issued through his lawyer that he would refuse all offers of asylum in any country save France or the Central African Republic.

## South Africans capture white army defector

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

A South African Army officer who defected to Mozambique seven months ago seeking political asylum has been arrested in South Africa after flying back apparently to try to see his wife and baby daughter.

Lieutenant Eckers, aged 24, of the Army Medical Service, was arrested by military police at Jan Smuts airport, near Johannesburg, on Sunday night as he tried to slip back into the country unnoticed to see his estranged wife, Veronica, and their daughter who will be a year old this month.

yesterday he would be charged with desertion.

Lieutenant Eckers, who was born in Germany, crossed the border into Mozambique last May five days after South African jets raided Maputo, the capital, in reprisal for the African National Congress car bomb attack on Air Force headquarters in Pretoria which killed 20 people.

As a male nurse in a Pretoria military hospital he had no access to any secrets but he said in Maputo that as a privileged white in South Africa he could not live with his conscience.

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# Shamir denies US deal as fears grow of superpower conflict

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday denied reports of a secret pact with America to oust Syria from Lebanon.

In an effort to allay growing fears at home and abroad of increased warfare with Syria and the possibility of a superpower confrontation in the Middle East, Mr Shamir told the Knesset: "Many incorrect rumours and baseless interpretations have been spread regarding what was said in Washington."

"Nothing was agreed in these talks which has not been made public. Israel did not take on any military commitments as certain panic-mongers have claimed."

There is scepticism in the Israeli press and among opposition politicians about the earlier denials from Jerusalem and Washington that a new era of coordinated military action against the Syrian forces in Lebanon has begun.

"Tomorrow the Government will face a motion of non-confidence tabled by the small Israeli Communist Party which yesterday said events in Lebanon could lead to a world war. Although the Government will survive, the occasion could provide a focus for criticism of its recent revival of the policy of air strikes inside Syrian-held territory in Lebanon."

The respected Tel Aviv newspaper, *Haaretz*, argued yesterday that it was difficult to believe that the US and Israeli air forces had acted independently in their weekend air strikes. At *HaMishmar*, the paper of the left-wing Mafam Party, said: "The danger of a new war is at hand... it is not too late to withdraw from this unholy alliance."

The focus of the Prime Minister's address was to try to eliminate suspicion. "There are those both here and abroad who have expressed fears of entanglements following the deeper cooperation between Israel and the US, he said.

"These fears are groundless. The cooperation between our two countries is good for Israel, for the US and for the entire region, as has been proven in the past."

"The murderous attack on the American Marines and the attack on our security forces in Tyre a short time later created a bond of common destiny between the two peoples and strengthened even further the friendship which has existed for a long time," Mr Shamir said.

In a related move, the Foreign Ministry issued a briefing paper outlining what it described as "an unprecedented Syrian military build-up aimed at attaining a decisive military balance over Israel."

It alleged that 7,000 Soviet advisers were stationed in Syria and that defence spending was calculated at 54 per cent of Syria's latest domestic budget.

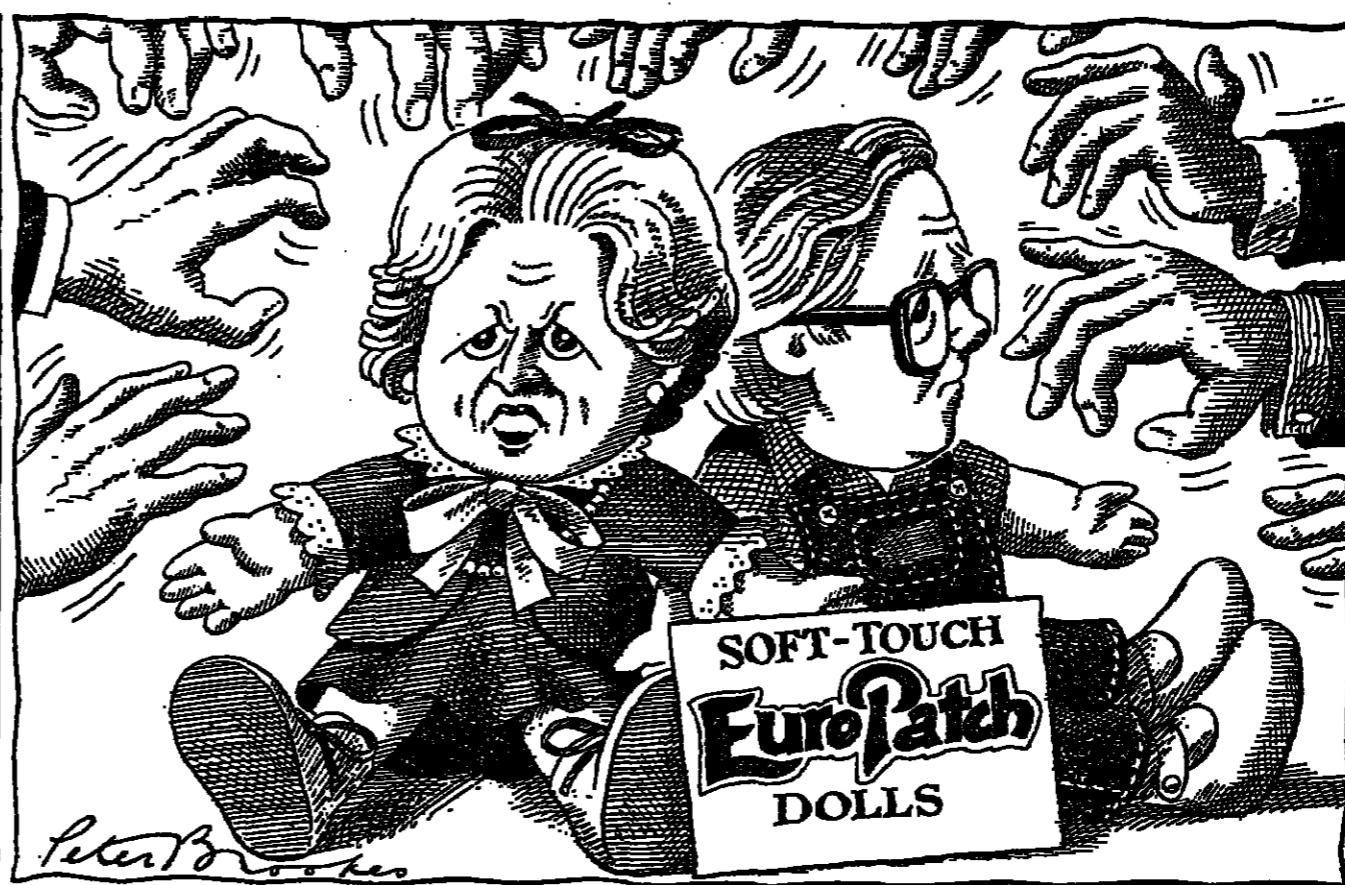
The Foreign Ministry claimed that after the 1982 war, Russia had supplied Syria with large quantities of weapons and equipment as "compensation" for its losses and to provide the Assad regime with deterrent power and the capability of attacking Israel.

The ministry listed Soviet weaponry supplied to Damascus in the new military build-up as including 200 tanks, 150-200 half-tracks, 50-100 artillery pieces, 100 rocket-launchers, a large quantity of lorries and 5521 ground-to-ground missiles with a range of 120km.

Air weaponry was listed as 20-30 MiG23 jets, an unknown number of Sukhoi22 planes, 15-20 Sam missile launchers, a large number of Sam9 launchers, modern radar equipment and total replacement of all losses suffered by the Syrian air force in 1982.

The ministry also claimed that the Syrian navy will buy more Ninochka missile corvettes armed with the improved Styx sea-to-sea missiles and anti-aircraft surface-to-air missiles.

"The Syrians have been mounting numerous attack exercises to prepare their army for offensive operations," the ministry said. "This reflects a new emphasis in Syria's military establishment."



"The Community is far too greedy"

# Gowon gets a warm welcome in Lagos

Lagos (Reuter) - General Yakubu Gowon, the former Nigerian military ruler, was given a warm welcome when he returned to Nigeria after more than eight years of exile in Britain. Police used batons to beat back crowds as they broke through a security barrier at Lagos Airport and besieged their former leader.

General Gowon, who was overthrown in 1975, told reporters that he had no intention of going into party politics.

# Geneva plea

Geneva - A request to Moscow to "make it your new year resolution to come back to the negotiating table in Geneva" was made yesterday by Lady Olga Maitland, chairman of Women and Families for Defence. She had a two-hour meeting with officials at the Soviet diplomatic mission here.

# \$4m Christmas

Beverly Hills, California (AP) - No ordinary boughs of holly deck the halls of the Beverly Hills Cartiers. Its shop here has adorned an unassuming spruce with diamond earrings, bracelets, necklaces, sapphire rings, rubies and pearls worth more than \$4m (about £2.7m).

# Bomb escape

Paris (AP) - Mr Ara Toranian, leader of the National Armenian Movement, was slightly injured here by the explosion of a bomb attached to his car. He escaped injury in a similar attempt eight months ago.

# Space chat

Bonn (Reuter) - The voices of President Reagan and Chancellor Kohl were beamed on board the orbiting shuttle *Columbia* in a satellite link-up to celebrate US-European cooperation in manned space flight.

# Panda coin

Peking (AP) - China issued a silver panda coin to honour International Giant Panda Year. It will give part of the earnings to the World Wildlife Fund.

# Trainer killed

Leer (AP) - A tiger attacked and killed an animal trainer at a circus winter camp in this northwest German town. Police shot the enraged animal.

# A cut above

Bangkok (Reuter) - Birth control campaigners claimed a world record after organizing a nine-hour event in which 1,190 men were given vasectomies by 30 surgeons.

# Walesa plea for end to sanctions on Poland

From Roger Boyes

Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa, the leader of Solidarity and Nobel peace laureate, appealed yesterday to the West to lift economic sanctions imposed on Poland almost two years ago after the declaration of martial law.

The plea follows discussions with his advisers and brings him into line with criticism voiced by both the Pope and the Polish Catholic hierarchy.

Less comfortably, the surprise statement by Mr Walesa aligns him with the declared policy of the Polish Government. Sanctions should be ended because "Poland needs now not losses of millions of dollars but aid of billions of dollars," Mr Walesa said in Gdansk.

But he rejected Government claims that the financial loss to Poland had been huge although the situation could deteriorate seriously unless sanctions were lifted.

Mrs Zofia Kalisz, a Communist deputy in the Sejm (Parliament) presenting the Bill, said that the idea would be to give the Government more flexibility in dealing with the threat of internal unrest in Poland.

Although nobody mentioned it in the parliamentary debate, the measures have come just in time for a delicate period during which food prices will be increased and dissidents put on trial.

# Nicaragua poll plan backed

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

American diplomats in Managua are calling the Sandinista Government's announcement on Sunday of elections in 1985 and the granting of an amnesty to exiles a small step in the process of establishing democracy in Nicaragua.

Mr Anthony Quainton, US Ambassador to Nicaragua, said that the decree, which was read by Señor Daniel Ortega, the leader of the junta, to an extraordinary session of the Council of State, represented a small step, but there was still a long way to go.

Privately, however, American diplomats in Managua say this and other recent concessions are very significant. In the past US diplomats in Nicaragua have often been more sympathetic towards the Sandinistas than have been Reagan Administration officials in Washington.

Recently the Sandinista leaders have eased press censorship, sent home thousands of

# Farmers voice plight in Athens

From Mario Mediano and Ian Murray, Athens

Italian, Irish and Greek farmers have added colour to the drab proceedings of the EEC's Athens summit by staging separate demonstrations to protest against plans for greater thrift in the Community's spending on agriculture.

Over 1,000 jovial Italians (from two conservative unions of farmers, donning tricolour scarves and blowing police whistles, marched across the centre of Athens to the Zappeion Hall, where the

# Travel curbs eased

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Restrictions on travel between Kenya and South Africa, imposed earlier this year, have been eased; but the Kenyan authorities have introduced special visas for Kenyan residents wishing to visit South Africa, and for South African residents coming here.

When the controls were first introduced, some foreign tourists arriving here via South Africa were refused entry. The Tourism Minister, Mr Maina Wanjigi, says this is being "rectified" and genuine tourists from other parts of the world will not be inconvenienced, even if they travel here via South Africa.

Kenya has imposed a complete boycott on trade with South Africa since becoming independent in 1963, but has allowed foreign airlines, including British Airways, to fly to and from South Africa via Nairobi.

# Pretoria sees no Soweto setback

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Despite hardly more than 10 per cent of the voters turning out to elect Soweto's first town council, the South African Government yesterday refused to admit that its "new deal" for urban blacks has been rejected.

Dr Piet Koorhof, the Minister of Cooperation and Development, described it as "progress" compared with a six per cent poll in 1978 for a now defunct Community Council.

He said an average 21 per cent poll country-wide in 23 elections so far for black local authorities was "reasonable" compared with the traditionally low turn-out in white municipal elections.

Black leaders, however, claimed the results represented rejection of the Black Local Authorities' Act under which black town councils will have virtually the same powers as white municipalities. However, they will have to raise the rates to fulfil their promises to electors.

Mr Lybon Mabaso, president of the Black Consciousness Azanian People's Organization (Azapo), said the act was "geared at excluding the real leadership in the country."

Dr Koorhof said intimidation and a boycott campaign by Azapo and the United Democratic Front had influenced the poll in Soweto, Azapo stated that seven of its leading members had been detained by police in Soweto on Saturday, when the poll was held, and released late on Sunday.

More than half the 30 seats of the new Soweto council were won by the Sofasonke Party, the township's oldest civic body.

The name means "Together we die" and it was formed during the Second World War by a squatter leader when thousands of blacks moved into the Johannesburg area and were, up to the Soweto riots in 1976, considered "temporary sojourners" in a white area by the Government.

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# Baby Jane Doe case ensnares parents, courts and Reagan

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Baby Jane Doe lies in her hospital cot, around her rages a fierce controversy. Her parents, doctors, the court and the Reagan Administration are caught up in the question of who should decide whether she lives or dies.

The question turned on parental consent. And the parents, he said, had made a reasonable decision "based on genuine concern for the best interest of the child."

Baby Jane - her name is pseudonym and her identity a secret - was born eight weeks ago with several severe defects. She has an abnormally small head and brain, excess fluid on the brain and spine bifida and an incompletely formed spine.

The Government appealed and the case is now being considered by three judges in New York. The Government's attempt to intervene in a private dilemma has helped to stoke the controversy.

Doctors at the hospital in Long Island, New York, told her parents that without surgery she would die within two years. If she has a series of operations she could live for 20 years but would be completely disabled and severely retarded.

The Government's appeal and the case is now being considered by three judges in New York.

The judge rejected the Government's application to see the records. He said the hospital could have performed

The rules called for notices to be posted in nurseries saying that failure to feed or care for handicapped babies was illegal. Telephone "hotlines" were set up so that any failures to do so could be reported to Washington.

The case of Baby Jane Doe has raised many disturbing questions. Right-to-life groups see it as an important test case. Other people are concerned about the Government's interference in complex moral and medical questions.

And argument goes on about what should be done with very seriously handicapped children whose lives would be distressingly blighted if they were allowed to survive despite their parents deciding that they should not be treated.



King and country: King Juan Carlos of Spain addressing the lower House of Parliament yesterday to mark the fifth anniversary of the return of democracy.

# Devastating guerrilla warfare Rebels without a cause prove to be experts at disruption

In a second article on Mozambique, Stephen Taylor, recently in Maputo, describes the character of the guerrilla war that is undermining the country.

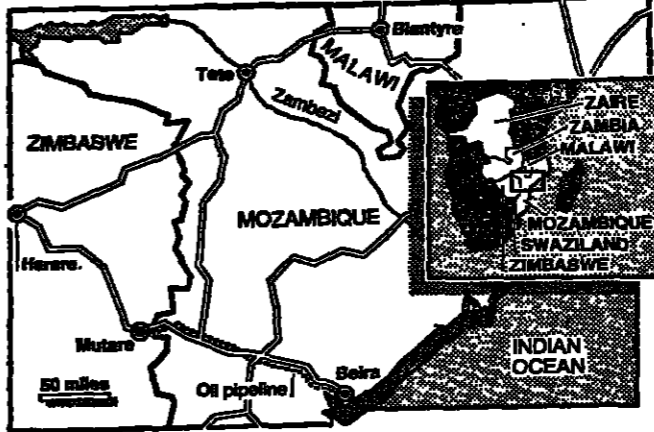
After years of sporadic guerrilla warfare, Mozambican insurgents four weeks ago introduced a dangerous element in their conflict against the Frelimo Government, swooping on a camp in the northern Zambezia province where they killed 20 Soviet mining technicians and abducted another 23.

Elsewhere the incident would have made world headlines. As it is, although 18 of the Russians remain captives of the Mozambican Resistance Movement (MNR) the Zambesia raid has become just another fading chapter in the murky war which is devastating Mozambique.

The conflict has little to do with territory or even ideology. MNR guerrillas, numbering between 8,000 and 10,000, are active in all but one of the 10 provinces but have no territorial stronghold. They inflict brutal suffering on Frelimo supporters but espouse no political credo.

"The voice of free Africa", the MNR propaganda radio station broadcasting from South Africa, serves up an uninspired litany of anti-Frelimo invective.

What the resistance movement is good at is disruption. Railways, road traffic, storage depots and the oil pipeline to Zimbabwe have been struck repeatedly to the dismay not only of Frelimo but governments in neighbouring states. Mozambique's ports are vital to Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia and Swaziland - all of which are members of the Southern African Development Conference - and Zaire, which is not. Such circumstantial evidence that the MNR is being manipu-



lated as a tool of regional destabilization by South Africa is substantiated by more 'solid intelligence, such as the assassination of Orlando Cristina, a key figure in the movement, in Pretoria earlier this year. The killing is generally believed to have been the result of an internal feud.

The only other figures in the MNR whose names are generally known are Alfonso Dhlakama, the military commander, said by the Mozambicans to have been a Frelimo soldier until he was discharged for theft.

## MOZAMBIQUE Part 2

In 1976, and Senhor EVO Fernandes, the MNR spokesman in Lisbon.

A primary target has been the Lomba-controlled pipeline from Beira port to Zimbabwe, closed for 15 years after the imposition of sanctions on Rhodesia in 1965. After months of rehabilitation work, it was sabotaged only days before its scheduled reopening in October 1981, and remained closed until June last year. Since then it has been sabotaged at least four times.

Zimbabwe's desperation to have the pipeline functioning, thus avoiding dependence on oil imports through South Africa, prompted the Government to send 2,000 troops to help Frelimo forces guard the installation last December. Almost immediately petrol storage tanks in Beira were sabotaged, precipitating a fuel crisis in Zimbabwe.

Another favoured target, and one which has had far greater impact on the majority of Mozambicans, is the state shops in rural areas, about half of which have been destroyed. Mr Manuel Aranda da Silva, Minister of Internal Trade, says priority is being given to reestablishing the shops with

financial incentives being offered to those prepared to rebuild them.

Sometimes the guerrillas have distributed food looted from shops to local people but by and large they have shown little sensibility to winning hearts and minds. Peasants suspected of being Frelimo sympathizers are sometimes shot out of hand - or may have ears, lips or breasts cut off.

The scale of the war is difficult to calculate because of the rebels' hit-and-run tactics and the tendency of the Frelimo forces to avoid confrontation. Casualties are comparatively low - some reports put the figure at around 2,000 - although the effect of the conflict in drought-afflicted areas is causing thousands more to die of malnutrition. A senior government economist has estimated the cost of the war to be £130m.

A Frelimo offensive in Gaza and Inhambane provinces has had some success in driving the guerrillas underground. Other positive aspects are that the regional trade route from east Zimbabwe to Beira port has been made reasonably safe and haulage companies are once again using the road through Tete to Malawi.

Generally, however, the inadequacies of the Frelimo forces have been glaringly exposed and the Government is now turning from the Soviet Union to the West for military assistance as well as investment.

Following President Machel's visit to Downing Street, it has been suggested that the British military advisory and training team in Zimbabwe might take on responsibility for training Mozambican units. More likely though, a number of places will be made available for Mozambicans at Sandhurst.

Though such assistance is unlikely to have much military significance, Frelimo would see it as an important gesture in the face of South African hostility.

# Prisoners of conscience



## Soviet Union: Anatoli Marchenko

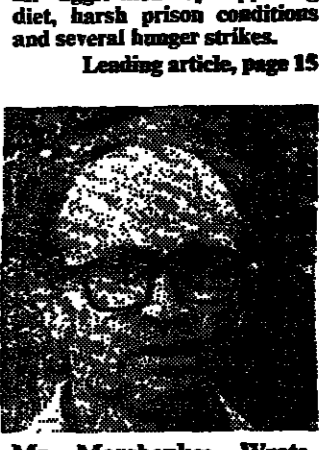
By Caroline Moorehead  
Mr Anatoli Marchenko, the author of a celebrated book on Soviet labour camps, is serving his sixth sentence, for "anti-Soviet agitation", in Camp No 35 at Perm. If he serves his full term it will be March 1991, before he is free. He is married and has a son, aged 10.

Mr Marchenko, aged 46, was born in Barchinsk, Siberia, the son of an assistant machinist on the railways. He was 19 and working in Karaganda, when he was first arrested and convicted after a riot. His experiences in the camps were to provide him with material for his later political writings.

Not long after his release, he tried to leave the Soviet Union without an exit permit. He was sentenced to six years' hard labour for "treason against the fatherland". Now began a pattern of political writings, open letters and articles would be circulated in samizdat. Most were indictments of the living conditions of workers, of the camps and prisons and of widespread abuse of human rights. The writings would be followed by arrest, a prison sentence, or banishment. Mr Marchenko's present sentence, 10 years' reeducation through hard labour, followed by five years' loss of civil rights, is the most severe he has received.

His health has been poor since the 1960s, when he became deaf while in "special regime" in Vladimir prison, after an ear infection remained untreated. He is now believed to be suffering from chronic gastritis, arthritis and failing sight, all aggravated by appalling diet, harsh prison conditions and several hunger strikes.

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Mr Marchenko: Wrote about labour camps.

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# Lusinchi triumphs in Venezuela despite lacklustre campaign

**From Colin Harding, Caracas**  
The opposition Venezuelan Democratic Action (AD) party has won an unexpectedly comfortable victory over the ruling Christian Democrats.

With official results from Sunday's presidential election coming out very slowly, unofficial projections by the television companies and AD itself gave Dr Jaime Lusinchi, the opposition candidate, more than 50 per cent of the vote, compared with some 35 per cent for Señor Rafael Caldera of the ruling Christian Democrats.

Dr Lusinchi claimed victory in all 22 states and the federal district of Caracas and his party also seemed assured of a large majority in both Houses of Congress.

Voting was peaceful and well-organized, and both Señor Caldera and President Luis Herrera Campíns publicly conceded defeat within hours of the polling stations closing.

Dr Lusinchi has been the front runner throughout the eight-month campaign. Although Señor Caldera was the more impressive candidate and appeared to make up ground in the final weeks, the margin of Dr Lusinchi's victory suggests that the large number of floating voters overwhelmingly rejected Señor Caldera because of his association with the unpopular Government.

Dr Lusinchi will head the fourth Democratic Action Government since the present electoral system was established in 1958. He did not perform particularly impressively in the campaign and he is a poor public speaker. He compared unfavourably with the smooth, elder statesman-like figure of



Caracas check: Two voters being searched by Venezuelan soldiers.

Señor Caldera, who was President between 1969 and 1974. Dr Lusinchi's advisers told him to stay out of the limelight as much as possible, which he did until the final weeks of polling.

The President-elect's great strength has been his ability as party general secretary to unite the disparate factions in AD since its defeat in 1978. A 59-year-old paediatrician, he was one of the party's founders in 1941.

He served for more than 20 years as deputy for his native state of Anzoátegui, eastern Venezuela, and was exiled for six years during the military dictatorship of General Marcos

# Rumasa leak inquiry ordered

**From Richard Wigg, Madrid**  
Spain's Constitutional Court president yesterday promised an investigation into the leaking of the verdict in the Rumasa affair.

The verdict is believed to uphold the Government's expropriation last February of the assets of Spain's biggest empire which has interests in banking, hotels, sherry and farming.

*El País*, the Madrid daily, reported on Sunday that the court's 12 judges were tied and that the president's casting vote was needed to produce the verdict upholding the Government's use of a decree law for the expropriation.

Professor Manuel García Pelayo, evidently struggling as the court's president to maintain its reputation, also denied yesterday that he had an interview last month with Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister.

He had not discussed the Socialist Gov't's expropriation as the court began preparing its verdict, which is expected to be made public officially later this week.

Newspaper speculated here yesterday that the leak had come from one of the judges, since no officials of the court were present when the votes were taken.

The Constitutional Court, the ultimate guarantee in law of Spain's new democracy, only set up three and a half years ago, has suffered both from the public naming of the voting positions of its members, and from the suspicion of having been the subject of political pressure.

# Few want them as cash runs out Boat people become bottleneck

**From David Watts, Singapore**  
Countries for resettlement.

"Criteria have to be relaxed if there is to be any progress at all in tackling these alarming trends", Dr Tharoor said.

This is the most serious of a number of signs that the Vietnamese refugee problem is becoming critical again. The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) is so concerned about the situation that an appeal to governments is now going out for more help with resettlement and funding as the UN's orderly departure programme for Vietnamese runs out of money.

If departures had been maintained at last year's levels, the problem of refugees would now be well on the way to solution, given the overall lower level of arrivals. But there are now roughly 600 more refugees a month arriving in "countries of first asylum" than there are leaving, according to Dr Shashi Tharoor, who runs the USI programme in Singapore.

As a result there are now more boat people in South-East Asian refugee camps than there were two years ago. There is now a 6,000-1 strong hard core of Vietnamese rejected by all

Some shipping lines are plainly avoiding sea routes where they may encounter refugee boats. The situation has become so serious that the international Maritime Organization in London has appealed to sailors across the world to help refugee boats in distress.

The statistics tell their own story: in 1981, 14,600 refugees were rescued by 213 ships flying the flags of 33 nations. This year the ships of only 14 nations have rescued refugees, while the number of vessels putting into Singapore with refugees has dropped by a third over the last two years.

Recently arrived Vietnamese boats reveal the full horror of being bypassed at sea. One boat which landed recently in Brunei had 51 on board when it left Vietnam on September 10. Thirty-three died in 55 days at sea, during which they were ignored by numerous ships. Another died soon after landing and the rest are all in critical condition in hospital.

In a second boat that landed in Sarawak, 17 died at sea, two died soon after landing and seven are critically ill in hospital.

# Ruling today in Burma bomb trial

**Rangoon (AP) — Two North Korean Army officers should face the death penalty for murdering 21 people, including several senior South Korean officials, the prosecution at the Rangoon terrorist bombing trial urged yesterday.**

The Chief Prosecutor, Mr Tin On, said that there was sufficient material evidence as well as a thorough confession by one of the accused to show the North Koreans had perpetrated

the crime on October 9 at Rangoon's Martyr's Mausoleum.

The dead included four South Korean Cabinet ministers and several other visiting senior officials.

The Rangoon Division People's Court heard arguments from prosecution and defence counsels whether to charge the accused for murder, attempted murder and illegal possession of arms. The court postponed its decision until today.

Defence lawyer for Captain Kang Min Chul and Major Zin Mo argued that there were no eyewitnesses to their alleged crime.

The prosecution noted that Captain Kang had confessed that he, Major Zin, and a third officer, who was killed by the bombing, had been ordered to Burma to kill the South Korean President.

# Brazil begins process of decentralization

**From Patrick Knight, Brasilia**  
The Brazilian Congress reached another landmark when, in the teeth of government hostility, it passed a bill transferring funds from the central Government to state and local administrations.

This was the first reversal of a process of centralization which has lasted for the past twenty years and was also Congress's first initiative in exerting its limited powers over spending. No senators or deputies voted against the Bill last week in an unusual show of unanimity against the now-faltering executive, which threatened reprisals if the measure were passed, but then climbed down.

Faced with a perceptible decline in authority of the Government of President João Figueiredo, who has apparently not completely recovered from a heart operation in the US in July, the Government is being forced to consider holding direct elections for the presidency.

It had been anticipated that General Figueiredo's successor would be nominated by the electoral college, in which the governing Social Democrat Party (PSD) still has a majority. However, the PSD, previously hardly more than a compliant mechanism used by the military and the technocrats to rule, is now rebellious and divided after reverses in last November's elections. The President can no longer rely on it to nominate his candidate.

Left to its own devices, the college would probably choose the former Governor of São Paulo state, Deputy Paulo Maluf, who has gained enormous support from Deputies from all over the country. He got this basically by suggesting that he would substitute his supporters for the hundreds of retired military men who

occupy high positions in the dozens of state corporations dominating Brazil's economy. President Figueiredo's faction, and most, but by no means all the military hierarchy, are consequently extremely hostile to Senator Maluf, who would, however, have no chance of winning a direct election.

If the PSD is splitting into what might be termed a loyalist and a Maluf line, with the loyalist line shrinking as deputies seek to distance themselves from an increasingly unpopular administration, the main opposition party, the PMDB, is hardly more united.

It is an amalgam of odd bedfellows, ranging from supporters of various Communist and Trotskyist parties to extreme right-wing politicians, who are in this party rather than the PSD owing to special local circumstances.

Now that Congress is gaining ground from the executive, the artificial unity of PMDB is also proving difficult to sustain.

The party seems likely to split into a left and a centre faction, the centre forming a grouping which might attract PSD rebels. Such a development could permit a candidate from this new party to win a direct election. Among potential leaders is the Governor of Minas Gerais state, Senhor Tancredo Neves, a founder of the short-lived Popular Party.

Another possibility is having an interim President for perhaps two years, bridging the gap between General Figueiredo and a directly-elected President. Men such as Senator Helio Beltrao, the former Social Security Minister, who recently resigned in protest over proposed cuts in services and Vice-President Aureliano Chaves, are suggested candidates, as events gather pace in Brasilia.

# Bangladesh fights annual cholera epidemic

**From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka**  
Bangladesh is in the middle of its annual cholera epidemic, and the month that stretches from the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to today's Islamic conference of foreign ministers finds the epidemic at its peak.

Moftah Begum, a married woman no more than 17 years old, began to feel bad at eight o'clock one morning last weekend. By 10 o'clock she had lost so much fluid that she had become dehydrated and collapsed. It is the dehydration associated with cholera that kills.

By 11 o'clock her family had brought her to the cholera hospital in Dhaka. She was given oral rehydration solution to drink, but her fluid loss was so high that she was given an intravenous drip as well. By two o'clock she had received 15 pints of solution intravenously and had drunk two pints herself.

Her eyes were still dark ringed and smudged from the dehydration, but she was recovering. She had taken in a third of her own body weight in fluid since her arrival but she was not going to die.

"No one needs die of cholera," said Dr William Greenough, a soft-spoken New Englander who is director of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research (ICDDR) which operates the cholera hospital here.

Dr Greenough and his institution have been responsible for developing the techniques that saved the life of Moftah Begum and hundreds of thousands like her. The ICDDR proved by its early studies that the cholera vaccine was virtually useless — indeed that it did more harm than good.

He developed the formula for the oral rehydration solution, a combination of salt, sugar, sodium bicarbonate and potassium chloride.

Because of the success of the oral rehydration therapy other forms of treatment are more readily accepted in the clusters of homes on the swollen river banks and the health workers are able to conduct widespread immunization programmes against tetanus and diphtheria and best of all to gain acceptance for birth control systems.

In the villages covered by the ICDDR centre at Matlab bazaar infant mortality has dropped from 146 per thousand to 100 per thousand in four years. The overall death rate has dropped from 16 per thousand, to 11 per thousand.

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# Little black dressing

When the celebration of Yves Saint Laurent's designs opens at the Metropolitan Museum in New York next week, the key exhibit will be his plain black tuxedo suit. It stands out among the galaxy of glamour and style that takes us from the early days at Dior, through the 1960s geometrics, the explosion of colour and richness in the Ballet Russe collection to the Parisian refinement of today.

Diana Vreeland, the special consultant to the Costume Institute, understands better than anyone the purity of Saint Laurent's style. From among the wide selection of garments offered by New York's socialites (and a hundred by one enthusiast alone), Mrs Vreeland has distilled the essential Saint Laurent for the first exhibition ever devoted to a living designer by the Metropolitan Museum's costume department. His message comes across in myriad styles, but the little black dressing says it all: simplicity of line, perfection of cut and a dash of wit.

Yves Saint Laurent re-invented the art of black magic. He also espoused the tuxedo suit, with trousers or skirt, or cut in one piece as a dress. Le smoking was first shown by YSL in 1966. This marriage of masculine tailoring to the female body has been his contribution to twentieth century fashion, and a reflection of social change and a modern woman's needs.

The fact that so many garments in the Metropolitan's exhibition could be worn today, underlines the credo of Lady Rendlesham, managing director of the Rive Gauche shops in London and an absolute disciple of Saint Laurent's classic taste.

His dress of this season is a simple column of black velvet, wickedly short, studded at the side with rhinestone buttons and the most seductive example of the LBD.

Although London is currently in the thrall of black velvet and lace, of slithers of black jersey and clouds of black net, the French designers are the artists with black. The Chanel suit in lustrous velvet, with a Puritan white bow at the neck to belie the curves, is another way of making magic out of an outfit that is a familiar party-garment.

The idea of dressing up for evening has taken hold again, with patsie and pearls, rhinestones and the real thing all twinkling across the midnight black. Harrods opened their grand new Evening and After Six department three weeks ago, devoted to glamorous evening wear and well-timed for the party season. Included in the new area are British designers like Roland Klein and Anne Tyrrell for John Marks, as well as separates from all sources to help you put a new look together.

The style of the season is the LBD itself, the plainer the better, perhaps with a deep V-back and definitely shorter rather than long, although Calvin Klein and Krizia both do wonderful things with black velvet at Browns.

Fluffy black angora makes an elegant sweater or evening jumper to go with a black velvet sheath skirt, and street-wise girls put the look together with a net petticoat and a jumper for fun and almost for free.

I believe that you get what you pay for, and the most ravishing dresses are in the uppermost price levels. Emanuel Ungaro has some exquisite dresses in his Bond Street shop that are almost couture quality.

But the LBD comes at all price levels right through the market place, including a puff ball of lace on a bustier dress at Miss Selfridge and a sheath of black velvet, with V fore and all at Wallis, Marks and Spencer too have put a strapless black cocktail dress into selected stores which proves how the mood for dressing up has reached a general audience.

Less is more when it comes to Little Black Dressing, with the cut of a fine dress speaking louder than sequins and trimmings. But accessories do glitter with rhinestones studded in tights, hair ornaments and bold jewelry.

Our own dress collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum includes a selection of LBDs from Balmain to Balenciaga to Saint Laurent himself. The enviable skill of the master designer is to make fashion museum pieces that women still want to wear.



Far left: Yves Saint Laurent's Little Black Dress in velvet, cut asymmetrically with rhinestone buttons £320, glitter earrings and bracelets, plain black suede shoes £87, all from Saint Laurent Rive Gauche, 113 New Bond Street, W1 and 35/37, St. James's Park, SW1. Rhinestone studded sheer black tights £15 from Grable, 27 Conduit Street, W1. Left: Chanel's wicked whisper of black lace. Decorative tunic blouse £250 satin tie, milk white pearls and diamonds and pearl earrings all from Chanel, 25 Old Bond Street, W1. Make-up by Chanel Beauté using the Lumière collection: Teint Naturel "Porcelaine", finely dusted with "Beige Lumière" for a translucent finish. Cheekbones subtly shaded with rose, eyes bright with pink and violet Ombre Cristalline, "Rouge Magique" lips with a touch of "Galaxie".



Above: White satin pussy-bow and usherette cuffs on a black velvet suit with rhinestone buttons and buckled belt. From Chanel, 26 Old Bond Street, W1. Left: The tuxedo dress in velvet with satin lapels £207 by Janice Wainwright from a range in Harrods' Designer Eveningwear room, Selfridges, Henrietta Bath, Knightsbridge of Leicester. Rhinestone studded belt £35 by Otto Glanz from Harvey Nichols. Glitter chains and earrings from Chanel, Old Bond Street, W1. Hair by SHAINA at Daniel Galvin Visagiste MARY GREENWELL for Chanel Photographs by JOHN SWANNELL

## FASHION FLASH

● The twelve-foot high "cosmic egg" on the forecourt of the Commonwealth Institute is just a taste of an extraordinary exhibition inside. "Goddesses" is a celebration in sculpture of the spirit of India by Andrew Logan, inspired by a recent trip to the country and his work with close friend Zandra Rhodes. Visual and sensory delights include holograms, incense and an Indian tea stall. Logan's articulated sculpture of Zandra moving like an Indian dancer incorporates the shattered mirrors and glitter he is well-known for in his jewelry. "Goddesses" is in the Art Gallery, Commonwealth Institute, W8 until December 31. ● An important exhibition which brings together the work of selected students from art and design colleges around the country is being staged at the Barbican Centre until January 15. Three years in the making. "Young Blood" has a good proportion of fashion design elements in the 2,000 exhibits. In the high fashion section, "Personal Images", clothes are shown as integral parts of their environment. A particularly interesting choice is a project by first year students at Preston Polytechnic on the theme of aggressive fashions. Innovations in textile construction and application have an important place in industry and some impressive work by students of the Constructed Textiles course at Middlesex Polytechnic is on display. Admission: £3 adults, children over 12 £2. Closed Mondays. Christine Fainell

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Black angora cardigan applied with satin bow sequins £50, also grey, also pink. Black satin skirt with side detail £35.50, also grey. Both by Mondri from Harrods' Selfridges; Dickins & Jones; Fenwick, New Bond Street, W1; Brent Cross NW4 and Newcastle. Angela Beer, Woodford Bramhall, Club 77 Shrewsbury.

Black jacket £73.50 by Phase 8 Design, Fulham Road, SW10; New King's Road, SW6; Bellevue Road, Wandsworth, SW17; Notting Hill Gate, W8 and Harvey Nichols. Black lace camisole £14.95 from Phase 8 shops, Eve, Torquay; Syboe Colchester. Black velvet skirt with bow and lace insert £46 from Phase 8, Evo, Torquay; Butterfly, Manchester.

Black velvet lined slip dress with side-buttons £114 by Georges Rech from Simpson, Piccadilly, W1; Young Ideas, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. Wardrobe in Chiltern Street and Grosvenor Street W1 have a range of Georges Rech eveningwear, including a long black chignon skirt and shimmering satin 2-piece. Illustrations by JOYCE MACDONALD

### PETA MARIE

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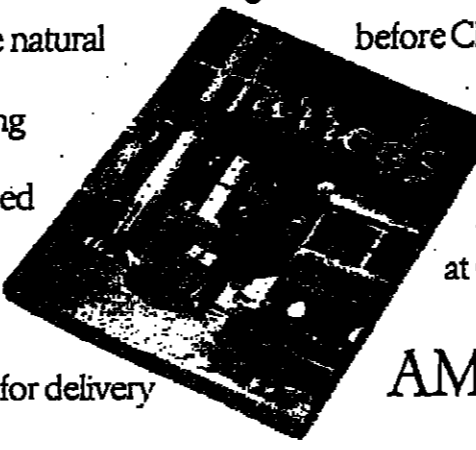
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The cult of nil design

The Barbican Centre is a dog's dinner of design defects... It is the first time their work has been shown in the same place at the same time.

The Young Blood exhibition parades 2,500 examples of work from Britain's colleges of art and design... It is a big, some might say desperate, bid for recognition.

We live in a badly designed environment... The Young Blood exhibition is interspersed with photographs of our tatty street corners.

We live in a country where distaste for style is raised to a cult... We think quality is what

Despite all, the range and quality of Britain's design education continues to excite admiration in countries abroad.

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The Government is concerned... It has, for example, overhauled the design of its own forms... But now Mrs Thatcher is interested.

Compare Britain with Italy... In Britain we only hope it may still find rest... It has been done by an art college student. Subsequently the girl had applied for a job as a designer in the Civil Service.

Swinging Sixties end in disillusion

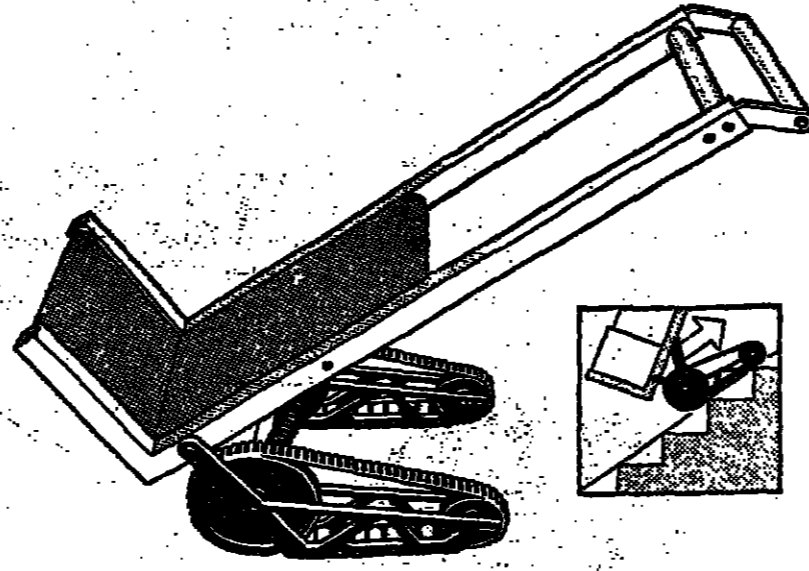
will last 100 years, and do not mind that others think it looks as though it already has.

In Britain art schools have never had much reputation... We have considered them havens for impractical aesthetes, or dissolute haunts of layabout bohemians.

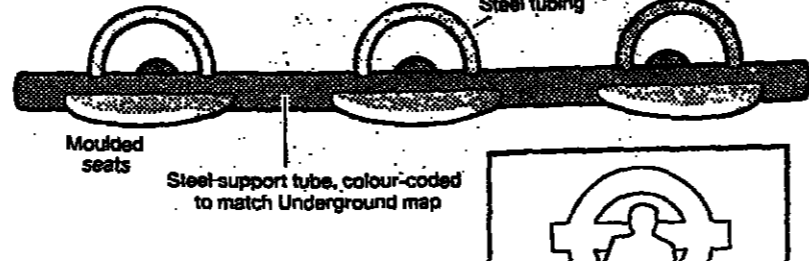
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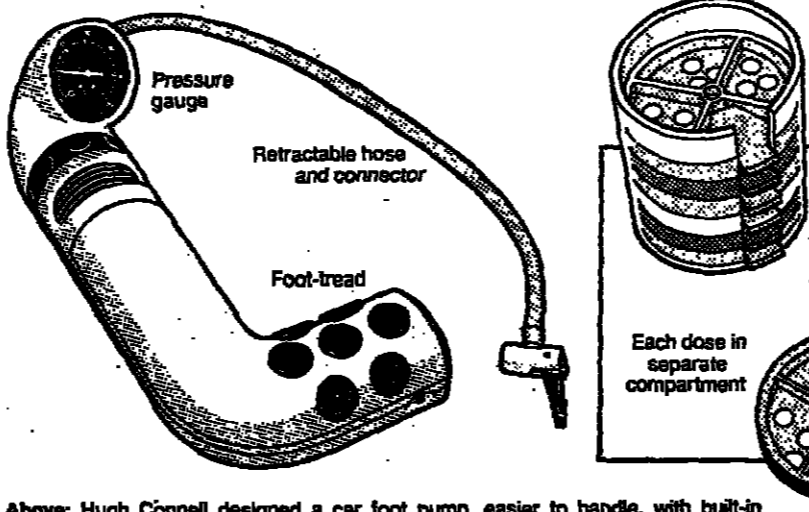
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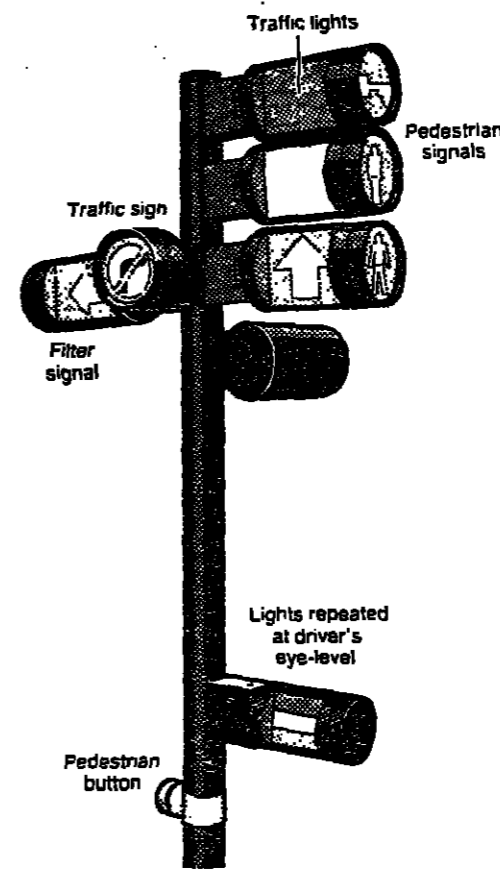
Left: Pablo Rios's stair-climbing trolley adapts the caterpillar tractor principle to help the user manoeuvre up kerbs or staircases.



Above and Right: Tim Tocoly's Underground seating for short-term use by the infirm and handicapped was evolved on an exercise in cooperation with London Transport.



Above: Hugh Connell designed a car foot pump, easier to handle, with built-in pressure gauge, stowable hose, and clean lines.



Left: In the course of her research Debbie Andrews discovered that one seventh of the patients in geriatric wards are there because of mismanagement of their drug prescriptions.

Reconstruction drawings by JOHN GRIMWADE

moreover... Miles Kington

A happening, dateline Bethlehem

Students of the magazine Private Eye have often wondered how editor Richard Ingrams can combine his unrepentant publishing of fictitious scandal with his deeply religious view of life.

The Jews (see Eye passim) are at it again. Although totally unable to govern themselves, they have always objected to the efforts of the wise and good Romans to organize them.

Readers of the Eye will remember our previous revelations about mediocre John the so-called Baptist... Readers of the Eye will remember our previous revelations about mediocre John.

More news about the Son of God (see last issue). Agents of a foreign power have been visiting the Bethlehem stable where the impecunious messiah lies in conditions condemned by the local health visitor.

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They still think it is vaguely to do with art, removed from commercial reality.

One recent design graduate now working on fork lift trucks told me: "British manufacturers only want us to make fork lift trucks look prettier."

And schools, indeed, are places where students work very hard and research thoroughly, motivated by an idealistic desire that the world in future should be more colourful, and more efficient than the present.

Printers and weavers go to the US

Here is an attempt to give a telephone answering machine "characteristic identity". It looks like the organ from some incredible shrinking Odeon.

Metal Hoppers like gateways to the wastebins are pressed steel seating for airport lounges and, surprisingly, comfortable. Another student claims to have produced "the meat slicer for the decade"

near by the Tyro, a children's motorbike with a seat height and adjustment, removable front fork, and sealable fuel tank could be produced for £180 against the £200 currently charged for an engine and two wheels.

Peta Levi on key figures in a landscape Capability's fading glory



Highclere Park: In the centre of a major planning row

One person saddened by the contemporary lack of appreciation of Capability's work is Hal Moggridge, a partner in the landscape architects Colvin & Moggridge.

often done, but usually in ignorance - gaps are being filled, shapes of shelter belts are changed and a more commercial approach to forestry is applied.

Because Brown used a good deal of beech (and beech was much used to have only about a 200-year life-cycle), his main structural planning, which has endured without much attention, is now breaking up.

replanted with limes with the help of a Countryside Commission grant.

Can the owner of an average-sized English garden learn anything from Brown? "Yes," says Moggridge.

Moggridge says that one of the most original things about Brown's work was that he introduced a method of carrying out landscape design maintained by natural means.

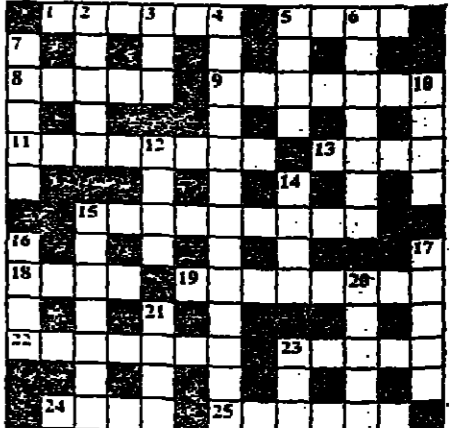
At Highclere Park both the Countryside Commission and the Forestry Commission are giving grant-aid towards tree planting in the park.

The Duke of Marlborough at Highclere is an exception. Both he and his agent, Paul Hutton, are tree-conscious. After the Grand Avenue, designed by Wise and replanted by the ninth Duke, died of elm disease in the mid-1970s, the Avenue was

"In the hills near Bethlehem sheep lie unattended at night, as shepherds flock in the late hours to the stable where the so-called Son of God is in residence."

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THE ARTS

Concerts

LPO/Rostropovich Festival Hall

It is unfortunate that last night's performance of Britten's War Requiem should have come so soon after the powerful new recording conducted by Simon Rattle...

Strong, too, were the big orchestral climaxes, and particularly the great swirl of sound that Mr Rostropovich achieved just before the last Owen scene...

Paul Griffiths

Bumbry, Verrett Covent Garden

When Shirley Verrett turned to Grace Bumbry on the stage of the Royal Opera House last night and, as La Gioconda, taunted Laura with "You would fly then, my happy rival?"...

generated between them. No matter, either, that the Royal Opera Orchestra, conducted by Michael Langelli Veltri, making his British debut...

Hilary Finch

Galleries

Love among the majestic ruins

John Piper The Tate Gallery; Marlborough Fine Arts

Old Master Paintings Chaucer Fine Arts Inc.

Polite Society: Arthur Devis 1712-1787 National Portrait Gallery

The Architect's Handmaid: Paint colour in the 18th century interior RIBA Heinz Gallery



Piper's Italian and Gothic, Hafod 1939 (National Museum of Wales, Cardiff)

The overriding impression conveyed by the comprehensive exhibition of John Piper's work, staged at the Tate Gallery (until January 22) in honour of the artist's 80th birthday...

One of the attractions of Marcello Violante's gallery at 45 Pimlico Road, Chaucer Fine Arts Inc., is its unpretentious domestic scale and layout...

What is undeniable is that Devis generally portrayed his provincial, middle-class sitters as they saw themselves, rather than as they were...

Television Talking tedium

Malvinas: A Story of Betrayals (Channel 4) opened with film of the Argentinian soldiers on the Falkland Islands...

This was the first extended presentation on British television of the Argentinian "case" (complete with ethnic music in the background) and as such it ought to have been at least intermittently interesting...

Jeffery Daniels

Peter Ackroyd

Gary Dartnall is in the front row of those watching the renaissance of the British film industry. And he is ready to join in the success.

Mining gold from the silver screen

In a vast, anonymous office Gary Dartnall is fighting to join the ever-expanding ranks of the saviours of the British film industry. David Puttnam he is not. The suit and accent are mid-Atlantic rather than the conversation and the conversation is that of the upwardly mobile corporate planner rather than that of the reformed advertising executive.



Gary Dartnall: "We've got to make films we believe in here"

But why should this company, with its unhappy recent history of film production and as one of the prime sufferers from the decline of cinema ticket sales suddenly want to make movies? The answer lies in a graph which Dartnall suddenly digs out from a pile of papers on his desk...

Please send a little Christmas cheer

Barnardo's needs to find the money to help over 9,000 needy children next year. Needy means disturbed, distressed, handicapped or any one of a hundred ills that can sabotage a child.

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Advertisement for Barnardo's featuring a large graphic of a Christmas tree and the word 'HOORAY!' in large letters. Text includes 'A little Christmas cheer-' and 'Barnardo's Dr Barnardo's, Tanners Lane, Barking, Essex IG6 1QC'.

Advertisement for the Royal Shakespeare Company's musical 'Poppo'. Text includes 'MUSICAL OF THE YEAR!', 'AN UNMISSABLE TREAT', 'A BRILLIANT SPECTACLE', and 'ADELPHI THEATRE'.

Advertisement for the Royal Opera House production of Massenet's 'Esclarmonde'. Features a large image of a dark, ornate dress. Text includes 'Royal Opera House', 'Massenet's Esclarmonde', and 'Joan Sutherland'.



Frankly speaking

Sir Frank Cooper, until his retirement last year Permanent Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Defence...

Downing thumbs

The 1982 undergraduate Christmas dinner at Downing College, Cambridge, became a little too lively for the college's governing body...

Iran Air has so many passengers during the Haj pilgrimage that it has to borrow pilots from other airlines.

Shot to ribbons

The Duke of Edinburgh has a reputation for using fairly robust language to state his case.

Sans Santa

Thought for the Day, a programme which transmits an early-morning moral message on Irish radio...

Oh, Kaye!

A circular has gone out asking concert promoters to note that Michael Kaye is no longer general administrator of the South Bank...



Barry Fantoni cartoon: Arthur's decorating the Christmas tree.

Slabbed off

St George's Chapel, Windsor, is raising £1,000 by selling off its eighteenth century stone floor to Americans at £15 a slab.

Who was Who

After my report on Friday that Garry Allighan, the former Labour MP for Gravesend, still enjoys an entry in Who's Who...

This can't really wait for Saturday's Sporting Diary in the annual soccer match between the Press Gallery and MPs.

Bombshell-proof?

The Moroccan News Agency is perplexing military experts. It reports from Bangkok that the Soviet Union has delivered important military hardware to Vietnam.

Partners - not just allies

by Richard Holme

How fares the partnership between Liberals and Social Democrats which came so near breakthrough, and yet so far from power, six months ago? On June 10, even with the cruel morning-after distortion of the electoral system, the task for the next five years seemed crystal clear: to build a united, progressive alternative government to the Tories, brushing Labour aside as the spent force it is.

they will have constructed a zero-sum game. The goodwill and enthusiasm at the heart of voluntary political activism, and particularly of the Alliance, will simply leak away, leaving two small parties and a tragic lost opportunity behind.

Despite some impressive parliamentary performances, particularly from the new Alliance MPs, and mildly encouraging local election results, the sad truth is that the Alliance team has yet to leave base camp for the final assault on the bastion of the two-party system.

Like the embrace of a society hostess, the separatist relationship is to consist of being held stiffly at arm's length while being pecked on the cheek. This robustly "party first" view is held by some senior figures in the Alliance who seized on the "No merger now" decision of the conference to justify their belief in parallel but separate development.

Any successful organization needs to know its purpose and direction and communicate them to its members. So it is with the Alliance and its component parties. In this period of drift and rift, three broad positions are taken up on the future.

The president's gunboat diplomacy has undoubtedly achieved results in Nicaragua. The US invasion of Grenada put the fear of God into the Sandinistas. I was in Managua at the time: the first thing every government official asked was, will the Marines be landing here next?

In the French Estates General of 1789, the nobility sat on the King's right, and the "third estate" on his left. Probably nothing else that those troublesome people did has proved more damaging.

Sheltering behind a wall of silence

Duncan Campbell

Ever since the invention of the hydrogen bomb, civil defence in Britain has been intimately linked to defence policy and the nuclear deterrent - a link heavily stressed by the present Government when it began planning for new statutory civil defence duties to be imposed on local authorities.

As a "nuclear free zone" authority, the GLC continues to believe that the only safe defence against war is determinedly to campaign for the preservation of peace. The GLC, required to shield Londoners from the grotesque horror of future war, will carry out its legal responsibilities. But in nuclear war, can the capital city and its people actually be defended in the way the Government proposes? And does the duty to plan lie only on the councils on whom the new law is imposed?

No, if there is a duty, it belongs also to central government departments, which are not providing the critical information on the risks and effects of war around which plans may be formulated. The GLC first began seeking the necessary information from the Government more than a year ago.

The GLC's letter asked for assistance on 27 detailed aspects of war planning. It listed 30 possible likely targets of conventional or nuclear attack which would affect Londoners, and asked if any central government department had yet prepared its civil defence plans for the capital.

The author is the GLC Public Services and Fire Brigade Committee's consultant on civil defence.

Left, right: putting things straight

Roger Scruton

In the French Estates General of 1789, the nobility sat on the King's right, and the "third estate" on his left. Probably nothing else that those troublesome people did has proved more damaging. Henceforth left and right were to name the two exclusive and exhaustive political options.

Olive branch or playing for time?

A foreign diplomat in Managua was asked the other day what new gesture Nicaragua's ruling Sandinistas could make to defuse the sharp hostility of the Reagan administration to their Marxist regime.

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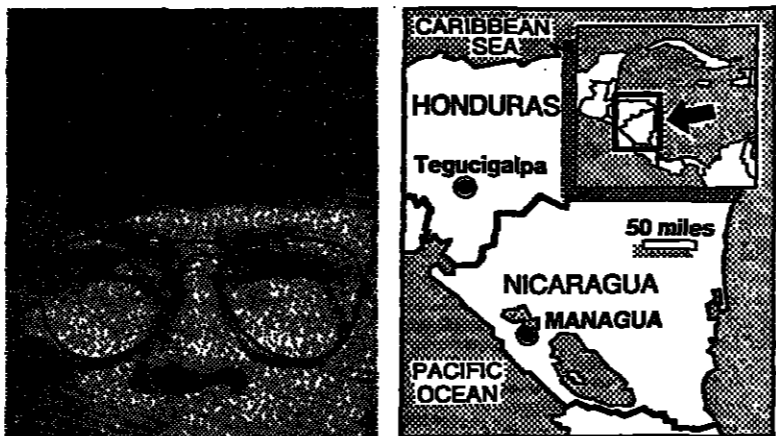
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The regime's sharp confrontation with the influential Catholic hierarchy in Nicaragua, reported in The Times last month, also seems to have gone off the boil, for the Reagan administration will only believe that if and when it happens.

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Tomás Borge: credited with the shift to a more conciliatory policy but denied a visa to visit Washington

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A sharp attack of mal de meritocracy

80, while the number earmarked for the internal competition - open to established civil servants up to the age of 36 - has been increased from 64 to 72.

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churchmen for their "political" intervention in such sensitive matters as the right of conscientious objectors to refuse military service.

Senior Sandinistas made a point of attending a reception for two Venezuelan bishops in Managua last week, at which the Nicaraguan prelates were among the guests of honour.

Is it all mere window-dressing, a cynical manoeuvre for time by the Sandinistas during a period of great vulnerability? The Reagan administration still seems to think so.

The word in Washington is that the president's most hawkish aides persuaded him, over State Department misgivings, to block the visa as a way of showing the Sandinistas that the US means business and expects further concessions.

To achieve that, it would be necessary to believe that most Nicaraguans yearn to be free of their admittedly inefficient and authoritarian masters.

majority dismissed the association's committee for not resisting with enough vigour the introduction of the new competition. It also decided to hold a referendum to test the views of all former students of the school.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Sterling bows to the almighty dollar

It would be true to say that the pound yesterday fell to its lowest level yet against the dollar when it broke through \$1.45 for the first time. It would be more meaningful to say that the dollar reached a record against the pound, for there was no noticeable weakness of sterling against other currencies.

Modest rise in wholesale prices lifts inflation hope

The prices charged by industry at the factory gate are still rising only modestly despite a more rapid increase in the cost of its fuel and raw materials, boosting government hopes that inflation may peak at no more than about 5.5 per cent next spring.

Table with 2 columns: RETAIL SALES AND CREDIT, MANUFACTURING PRODUCER PRICES. Includes data for 1981-1983 across various months.

peaking at about 5.5 per cent in the spring. This forecast depends on a further slowdown in the rate at which unit labour costs are rising - which means smaller pay settlements and continued strong productivity growth.

BP shakes market

BP stunned the equity market yesterday by announcing it has found no oil in the Mukluk project off the north coast of Alaska. Its shares tumbled 24p to 392p, wiping £450m from the group's market value.

P & O set to sell bank

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company is likely to sell its wholly-owned banking subsidiary, TCB, soon. Rumours that P & O was thinking of such a move have grown since European Ferries decided to take advantage of the increasing interest shown by leading institutions in banks and stockbrokers, and put up for sale its Singer & Friedlander banking subsidiary.

Allianz in pledge to top BAT

Allianz Versicherungs, the West German insurance company, yesterday promised to top BAT Industries' £914m bid for Eagle Star. But it stopped short of naming its price and its statement caused confusion in the stock market.



Mr Peter Thompson (right), chairman and chief executive of the National Freight Consortium, shares the title with Mr Philip Harris, chairman of Harris Queensway, the carpet and DIY company.

Opec price 'could fall close to \$16'

Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) have been warned that disunity among their members at this week's full ministerial meeting coupled with a mild winter in the US and Western Europe could send oil prices down almost to \$16 a barrel.

Moben managing director resigns

Moben Group, the kitchen, bedroom furniture and double glazing company, yesterday said that its co-founder and managing director, Mr Jim Benham, had resigned on health grounds.

STOCK EXCHANGES

Table listing stock exchange indices: FT Index, FT Gilts, FT All Share, Datasream USM Leaders, New York, Tokyo, Hongkong, Amsterdam, Sydney, Frankfurt, Brussels, Zurich.

CURRENCIES

Table listing currency rates: LONDON CLOSE, NEW YORK LATEST, INTERNATIONAL, INTEREST RATES.

Unmanned oil platform goes ahead

BP has decided to develop the South East Forties oilfield in the North Sea using an unmanned, satellite platform connected to the existing Forties A complex. The project will cost \$40m, \$60m more than its planned seabed production facility to which the Department of Energy was opposed.

Dow continues lower

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Wall Street stocks continued their moderately lower course in active early trading yesterday. The Dow-Jones industrial average fell more than 1 1/2 points, while the transportation average was down about five points.

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Highland Distilleries

Continuing success of "The Famous Grouse"

Advertisement for Highland Distilleries featuring a grouse and a bottle of Famous Grouse whisky. Text describes the brand's success and commitment to quality.

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Cluff wins contract in Barbados

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Cluff Oil, the British independent oil company, has overcome competition from several US companies to win a sole seismic survey licence from the Barbados Government and the Barbados National Oil Company.

The area for survey covers 468 square miles in relatively deep water and is considered to have several potential oil-bearing areas.

An initial survey has identified one huge area with possible hydrocarbon traces. Cluff will start surveying in the New Year.

Mr Algy Cluff, the company chairman, said yesterday that other companies would be offered the chance to farm into the area if oil discoveries were made.

Barbados and the other Caribbean countries have been hoping to find oil in their offshore areas to reduce their dependence on traditional industries such as sugar and bauxite mining.

Walter Eltis investigates the dilemma that may soon be facing the Chancellor

When falling inflation creates a new monetary trap



Walter Eltis (left) and Professor Milton Friedman: a sudden fall in inflation would increase the demand for money.

Inflation fell to 5 per cent in January and it is expected to fall to 3 per cent by the end of next year. After that, a continuation of the policy of steadily reducing the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement should reduce inflation and inflationary expectations further to 2 or 3 per cent by 1986 or 1987.

To reduce inflation from more than 10 per cent to 5 per cent with still further reductions in prospect is a notable achievement.

It is now widely recognized that such success creates a major problem for monetary management. Monetary economists are agreed that as inflation falls, the demand for money can be expected to rise as a ratio of the national income. In a celebrated article Prof. Milton Friedman suggested, arbitrarily, that the ratio of the demand for money to the money national income might rise from 10 per cent to 20 per cent.

The rationale for this increase in the demand for money is that once prices are stable, workers and companies will cease to lose a tenth of the real value of their notes and current accounts annually. They will therefore be more ready to hold cash at each income level.

With faster inflation and the higher nominal interest rates which generally accompany it, workers and companies can gain by minimizing their cash balances and buying consumer goods, real assets or shares as early as possible to avoid unnecessarily large bank deposits.

Hence it is generally agreed that desired cash balances will be higher (in relation to the national income) the lower the rate of inflation and the lower the rate of interest.

There are parallel arguments to explain why workers and companies will also hold larger deposit accounts (in relation to the national income) with lower inflation and interest rates.

This raises a major obstacle to the Government's plans to reduce inflation by monetary means. Suppose, to take Prof. Friedman's example, that reducing inflation from 10 per cent to zero raises the demand for money by 20 per cent.

When inflation is 10 per cent the money supply will be expanding by perhaps 12 per cent a year, with the assumption of 2 per cent output growth while when inflation is zero, the money supply expands at only about 2 per cent, so the Government must cut the rate

of monetary growth from 12 per cent to 2 per cent.

But when inflation is zero the demand for money might be 20 per cent higher (as a ratio of the national income) so the Government must also ensure that while it is reducing the rate of growth of the money supply from 12 per cent to 2 per cent, it is at the same time increasing the supply of money 20 per cent faster than the national income.

Other estimates suggest that a reduction in inflation from 10 per cent to zero, which reduces interest rates from, say, 13 per cent to 3 per cent, would raise the demand for money (in relation to the national income) by as much as 40 per cent. In that event the Government would have to contrive to raise the money supply 40 per cent faster than the national income while cutting the rate of monetary growth from 12 per cent to 2 per cent.

Sophisticated monetary economists have been aware of this problem for some time. They say that if it is suddenly expected that inflation will fall from 10 per cent to zero, then the demand for money balances will at that very moment rise by 20 per cent (to echo Friedman's arbitrary figure).

If the Government immedi-

ately raises the money supply by 20 per cent, while still managing to retain complete credibility in its intention to raise it at only 2 per cent a year in the future, the market will get its 20 per cent of extra money.

Alternatively the bizarre idea has been proposed that at the very instant that inflationary expectations come down, prices could fall 20 per cent. The real money supply, viz what money can buy, will then rise 20 per cent, and prices can be entirely stable after this sudden and unexpected price fall.

It is not possible that prices will suddenly drop at the moment inflationary expectations come down, so it is evident that the Government must create 20 per cent extra money without sacrificing the credibility of its intention to reduce subsequent monetary growth. That is indeed a difficult task, and it is in all likelihood the task Mr Lawson will soon face.

The cash-holding habits of British workers and companies are probably now adjusting to 5 per cent inflation, and they may well have the opportunity to adjust to still slower inflation in two or three years, increasing the demand for money still faster. British banks can raise the money supply fairly readily

if there is an increase in the demand for money at today's interest rates, and these gradual adjustments to slower inflation will increase the demand for bank advances to the private sector.

If this causes M3 and PSL2, the wider measure of liquidity, to reach the target in the medium-term financial strategy, Mr Lawson may feel impelled to raise interest rates, but if his response to this natural increase in the demand for money is to choke it off, he will slow the recovery of the real economy, and raise sterling making exports less competitive.

If, however, an increase in private sector bank advances is regarded as an entirely natural response to the slow-down in inflation, and the Chancellor allows it to be met, how is he to convince domestic and international financial opinion that his inflation strategy is intact?

The first step would be to make it known that this is an entirely natural phenomenon, approved by Friedman et al.

But if there is a large prospective increase in M3 in 1983-84, how is the market to distinguish between a situation where spontaneous domestic monetary expansion accelerates subsequent inflation, as in

1971-73 when the real money supply rose 36 per cent, and one where it is an inescapable element in policies to assist the recovery of the economy, as in 1931-33 when the real money supply rose 16 per cent.

The key concept here may be Prof. Knut Wicksell's natural rate of interest. According to this, if market rates of interest are below the natural rate, spontaneous profit maximizing banking expansion will produce inflation, while bank advances will expand at a rate which causes prices to fall if the market rate of interest is above the natural rate.

In today's terms this surely means that at low real interest rates, spontaneous private sector banking expansion will produce accelerating inflation, while bank advances will expand at a rate which causes prices to fall if the market rate of interest is above the natural rate.

Growing bank advances at these unnaturally low real interest rates sent inflation shooting upwards. In 1931-32, in contrast, banks lent at 5 to 6 per cent while the price level was falling at 2 1/2 per cent annually, so the real cost of bank advances was 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 per cent.

Spontaneous growth of the money supply which originated in the private sector was not inflationary at these high real interest rates.

Today the cost of bank advances is about 12 per cent, and with an inflation rate of 5 per cent, the real cost of bank advances is perhaps 7 per cent. If advances grow spontaneously at these interest rates without assistance from an unfunded budget deficit (for there was no government deficit in 1932) this will be no more inflationary than the rapid monetary growth of 1931-33.

It is therefore arguable that the Government can safely allow private sector loan demand to respond to any increase in the demand for money. Such expansion would be no more than a response by the private sector to the Government's success in bringing down inflation.

Credibility in the Government's intention to continue to reduce inflation will rest in a continuing reduction in the PSBR along the path set out in the medium term financial strategy.

Walter Eltis is a fellow of Exeter College, Oxford

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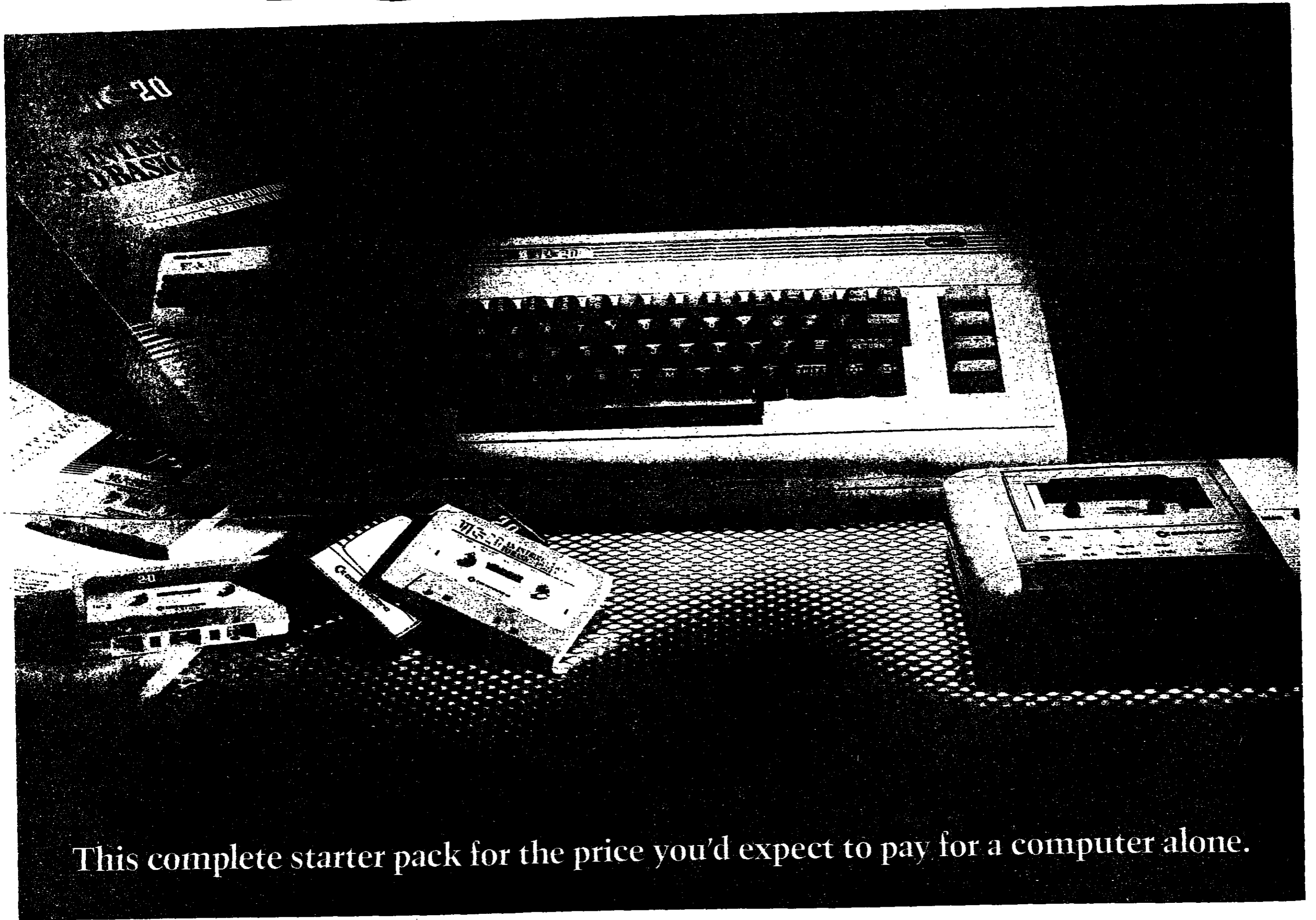
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APPOINTMENTS

New overseas chief for Lloyds Bank

Lloyds Bank Overseas Division: Mr Peter, Extension is to become general manager, succeeding Mr Paul Clark, who retires next month. Mr Bill Bullock and Mr Geoffrey Higham will become assistant general managers.

Howard Machinery: Mr Chris Great has been appointed group marketing director.

Charterhouse Japhet: Mr John Dembitz has become an assistant director.

Guinness Mahon: Mr Graham Hill who retires from the boards of Guinness Mahon Holdings and Guinness Mahon and Co. this month, is succeeded as chairman by Mr Albert Frost.

Tyne Tees: Three executive directors have joined the boards of Tyne Tees Television and Tyne Tees Television Holdings. Miss Andrea Womfor, director of programmes, Mr Chris Stoddart, director and general manager, and Mr David Hellewell, director of finance and company secretary.

Plassey: Sir Brian Tovey has

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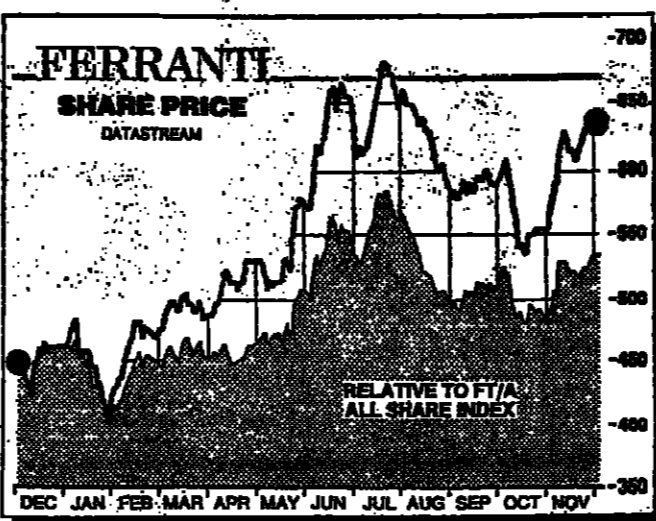
Ferranti subsidiaries chip in

Ferranti is not just a high technology company living on the largesse of the Ministry of Defence. Its fortunes are also intricately linked with capital investment in the world's post offices and energy industries, and the 25 per cent increase in Ferranti's interim pretax profits to £14.8m indicates how healthy are those sectors.

Computer systems and the Scottish group were the company's strongest performers last year and that pattern has continued into the current 12 months. Overall turnover is 30 per cent up at £207m, about 40 per cent of which came from defence in one guise or another.

Venus Scientific and Ocean Research Equipment, the American companies bought last year, account for a small part of the extra turnover. Prices changed little, partly a reflection of slower inflation, but consistent heavy investment in producing greater efficiency and wider margins.

An increase of 20 per cent in capital expenditure to £12m, highlights how much Ferranti is committing to the future. Part of the investment was for



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Henara cleared to seek full listing

Henara, the new hair products company, will try again this week for a public flotation after winning a clean bill of health for the natural ingredients of its henna based hair colourings.

The flotation, planned in the place more than two weeks ago, was abruptly halted when a former shareholder in Dixor-Strand, an associated group claimed that henna powders could cause ear infections.

The flotation envisages a full quote for Henna (Hair Health), the private company of Mr Sydney Lerner, and a concurrent takeover of the already quoted Dixor-Strand, which is controlled by Mr Lerner.

The new company will be called Henara, the name under which its products are sold in chains such as J Sainsbury, Boots and Saperdrug.

Yesterday Henna (Hair Health) said it had commissioned laboratory tests and reports from two independent experts. "These experts have confirmed that they are totally unaware of any adverse implications, whatever, for health from the use of Henna hair colouring powders."

Underwriting for the flotation is now expected to take place on Thursday, with publication of the prospectus on Friday.

Henara is likely to have a market value of between £10m and £12m.

WALL STREET

Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change
Amgen	100.00	+1.00	Amgen	100.00	+1.00
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Merrydown

Merrydown would be a remarkable company indeed if its share price were to mirror last year's star performance. But the underlying profit growth is as strong as ever in the first half of the financial year, attributable profits very nearly doubled to £352,000. Shareholders were also treated to a 1p net dividend, their first interim payout.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

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Investment in the Companies Act 1948 No. 662/97

Capital £1,000,000 8 per cent Convertible

Dispersed Loan Stock 2003/2008

The above mentioned stock has been admitted to the Official List by the Registrar of Companies. Particulars of the Stock are available in the Prospectus.

**Merrydown**

Half year to	Year to	Year to	
31st March	31st March	31st March	
1983	1982	1981	
Sales Home	£2,258	£2,363,500	£3,284,315
Export	£489,145	£435,740	£810,488
Total	£3,549,635	£1,500,536	£3,284,803
Profit	£1,681,366	£2,949,827	£6,623,657
Dividend	£1,681,366	£2,949,827	£6,623,657

**INTERNAL INVESTMENT TRUST PLC.**

1983	1982
10,244	4,405
141	720
27,670	14,448
(18,604)	(8,959)
9,066	5,490
(397)	—
8,669	5,490
985	(997)
9,654	4,493
(41)	(38)
9,613	4,455
3,670	6,143
(3,670)	(6,143)
9,613	4,455
(3,076)	(1,310)
(2,438)	(1,138)
4,099	2,007
1.88p	0.90p

Notes:

- The directors will decide on any amount to be distributed under the employee profit sharing scheme when the results for the full year are known.
- The profit and loss account taxation charge relates to advance corporation tax on dividends less a credit of £100,000 for losses utilised against chargeable gains.
- Capital profits less losses after capital charges and taxation comprise:
 

Surplus of sale proceeds over original cost of property less taxation	£'000
Profit on sale of investments less taxation	2,130
Other	(575)
	1,585

**COMMODITIES**

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Commodity	Price
Coffee	100.00
Sugar	150.00
Wheat	120.00
Oil	80.00

**Base Lending Rates**

ARN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	10 1/4%
Consolidated Crd	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

**Paterson Zochonis**

**Better than expected**

Whilst profits have fallen compared with those of 1982, the reduction, particularly in the second half year, was not as great as earlier anticipated. The general down-turn in Nigeria was less acute in its effect on group operations than had been envisaged and the related losses to Cussons in the U.K., although severe, were brought under control more readily than had been expected.

the Nigerian associates and subject to unforeseen circumstances, group profits in the first half of the current year give every indication of being higher than the comparable period of last year.

John Zochonis Chairman

FINANCIAL SUMMARY	1983	1982
Group turnover	\$27.0m	£31.0m
Profit before tax	\$26.9m	£29.8m
Earnings per share	29.62p	30.86p
Dividends per share	4.75p	4.50p

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Plessey soothes worries

Plessey, one of Britain's biggest telecommunications groups, was in the City yesterday attempting to soothe fears about the lack of export orders for its System X telephone exchange which it developed jointly with GEC.

Mr Peter Marshall, a director of Plessey, told the stock broker Laing & Cruckshank that he was excited by the prospects for System X and Plessey was taking a relaxed view of export prospects. He thought it might be two or three years before exports started to show through.

So far Plessey and GEC have failed to win any export orders of significant size because of the high installation charges for System X. But Plessey hopes to reduce the costs by boosting production from 500,000 lines to around 3 million lines by next year. Only then will the consortium be able to compete with its main overseas rivals.

Only last month, Plessey and GEC received a shot in the arm when System X was chosen for the £2.9m contract to supply the municipally-owned Hull telephone service. Although only a small contract, the news will certainly have attracted the

attention of British Telecom and others. Laing & Cruckshank has always been cautious of Plessey's potential, but after yesterday's visit has decided to raise its profits forecast for the year from £165m to £180m. This compares with £146m last year. The shares responded with a 2p rise to 112p, after 114p.

Shares of Habitat Mothercare tumbled 7p to 262p yesterday after last week's disappointing figures showing pre-tax profits of £16.5m, compared with market predictions of £17m. Analysts have downgraded their full-year estimates from £30m and £28m and most now think the shares are overvalued.

The rest of the equity market spent a lacklustre day still disturbed by the flop of the Government's latest sale of shares in Cable & Wireless.

Of the 100 million shares offered a minimum tender price of 275p, more than 77 million were eventually taken up, while the rest were left with the underwriters. The new party-paid shares opened at 96p before recovering to par at 100p, but closed at 92p. The ordinary shares ended the day 1p higher at 276p.

But the biggest shock of the day was in shares of BP, which tumbled 24p to 392p, wiping more than £450m off the group's value, when it announced that it had found nothing but water in the Mukluk project off Alaska.

The news from BP nipped in the bud any attempts at a rally by the rest of the market with the FT Index closing with a net gain of 0.7 at 742.0. Gilt also had a dull time with falls of up to 50p as sterling sank to its lowest level ever on the foreign exchange.

The stockbroker Capel Curc Myers on Friday was good news for a whisper short of the year's high. Speculators are hoping for a bid from the US.

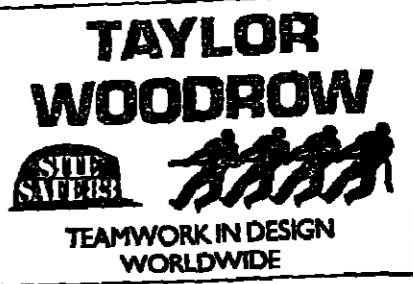
Barrow Hepburn Group's deal has been well received in some quarters. The latest deal was Harbour Plastics, which it bought for an undisclosed sum just after paying £1.6m for Myria, the chemicals group. Observers hope for a profit recovery this year to more than £1m compared with £865,000. The shares held steady at 30p - 3p below the year's high.

ICL fell 5p to 51p on a report in The Sunday Times of trouble in many of its key areas, although the company put out a detailed statement rebutting the report after hours. It said neither ICL's chairman, nor its managing director, had seen a

secret document said to have been circulating among senior management outlining areas of concern. Shares of Dec Corp rose 4p to 374p after a circular to shareholders revealed an increase in fixed assets from £74.9m to £149.5m and some bullish news from Mr Alec Monk, chairman.

Hacksaw blade manufacturers Charles Baynes believes there are rich pickings to be had when hospital and local authority cleaning work is offered to private enterprise. It has just bought two private laundry companies, Clegg and Barratt Fabric Care Services. Baynes is paying £2.15m for Clegg, a Liverpool group, for which it will issue 3.15 million new shares, or 31.2 per cent of the equity, of which 2.5 million will be placed at 65p a share. Clegg's profits amount to £185,000 last year and net assets stood at £962,000.

Baynes will also issue an extra 147,000 shares for Barratt to satisfy the asking price of £100,000. For the nine months to September 30, Baynes made pre-tax profits of £230,000. Last year, it made a total of £384,000. Baynes lost 2p to 69p.



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MOTOR RACING

Drivers off on the right track

By John Blunsden

Andrew Gilbert-Scott, the 25-year-old driver from Cookham, Berkshire, was taken into the motor racing limelight last night when Nelson Piquet, the world champion, presented him with the top Grovewood award for 1983 as the outstanding British and Commonwealth prospect of the year.

The presentation capped a season during which he won both the RAC and Townsend Thoresen Formula Ford 1600 championships and the end-of-season Formula Ford Festival at the wheel of a Reynard-Minister, sponsored by Brian de Zille, then went on to finish second in his first Formula Three race, driving a Murray Taylor Rahn-VW.

Gilbert-Scott (above) and Dumfries: first and second winners



James Hunt and Alan Jones, both former world champions, and other British drivers of outstanding ability like Derek Bell, Nigel Mansell, Derek Warwick and John Watson, all gained early exposure by way of a Grovewood award and no fewer than 30 past winners have gone on to drive in Formula One.

This year's second award has gone to John Dumfries, aged 23, from Fulham, after his first season in Formula Three. Like Gilbert-Scott, he graduated into motor racing from karting, and he has also shared with him the disappointment at having to give up racing in mid-season when the funds ran out.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- FOOTBALL: 7.30 unless stated. First round replay: Everton v West Ham. Second division: Chelsea v Swindon. Premier division: Tottenham v Liverpool. Championship: Tottenham v Liverpool. First division: Tottenham v Liverpool. Championship: Tottenham v Liverpool.

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